

The Call to Preach and Pray

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After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to His apostles over a period of 40 days, teaching them things concerning the Kingdom of God. One of the things that Jesus taught was that His power would go with His people. As we preach God's Word, He will confirm His Word with miracles.

The Great Commission and The Call to Preach

We are to go to all places and to all people and preach, teach, and testify on:

All power in Christ, baptism, and observe all the teachings of Christ: (Matthew 28:18-20) And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. (19) Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (20) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Believe, baptism, Holy Ghost, deliverance, protection, and healings are found in Jesus' name: (Mark 16:15-20) And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (16) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. (17) And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; (18) They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. (19) So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. (20) And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Repentance, baptism, and the Holy Ghost: (Luke 24:47-49) And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. (48) And ye are witnesses of these things. (49) And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Minister in love to God's people: (John 21:15) So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

The Holy Ghost: (Acts 1:8) But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The Great Commission Is The Apostles' Doctrine

The Great Commission was taught by the apostles everywhere they went and it became known as the Apostles' Doctrine; (Acts 2:42) And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Great power is found in the gospel of Christ; (Romans 1:16) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Preaching the message of the cross; (1 Corinthians 1:18) For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

We are called to preach all the words of eternal life; (Acts 5:20) Go, stand and

speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

Do not preach another message, (Galatians 1:8) But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

Preach the truth, and never hide it; (2 Timothy 4:2-5) Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. (3) For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; (4) And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. (5) But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Faith and salvation comes when we preach the Word of God; (Romans 10:14-17) How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? (15) And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! (16) But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? (17) So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Paul and Barnabas taught the Word of God to many. If we desire to be a preacher of the Word, first we must give ourselves to being a teacher of the Word; (Acts 11:26) And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

Paul and Barnabas were called by God to be missionaries; (Acts 13:2) As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Confirming The Word With Miracles

Jesus said that He has all power, and He is always with His people; (Matthew 28:18, 20) And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. (20) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

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(Acts 2:42-43) And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. (43) And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

(Acts 4:33) And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

The prayers of the apostles; (Acts 4:29-30) And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, (30) By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

There is great power in the Word of God. God calls us to go and preach His Word, and then He will confirm this word with miracles. We need to pray that we will always

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have boldness to speak all the truth and never turn from it.

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