

Are You a Disciple?

The Great Omission

Matthew 28:18-20

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Introduction:

- **Matthew 28:18-20**
 - Omission – “*Something left out ... not done ... neglected.*” (Dictionary.com)
 - When we omit the things that God calls us to do in our life, we rob ourselves of the joy that He offers.
 - If we are willing to correct those things that we omit, we will feel more peace in our life and spiritual walk.
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1. All Authority:

- a. Greek - **Exousia** (*Ek-Zoo-See-A*)... English – Authority – means ... “*Absolute authority to rule and have control.*”
- b. **Matthew 28:18-20**
- c. Finite – Very Limited.
- d. If we do not understand that Jesus has Absolute Authority, we will omit the things that we do not agree with in the Bible.
- e. What does Absolute Authority mean? It means that Jesus has the ability -
 - i. To speak the Heavens and the Earth and all that are in and on them into existence ... Ex Nihilo – meaning ... “*Out of nothing*” – **Genesis 1-2**
 - ii. To change the language of mankind from one – to many different languages because people were conspiring against God – **Genesis 11**
 - iii. To cause a barren woman at the age of 90 to have a child which would lead to the nation of Israel – **Genesis 21**
 - iv. To give a boy named Joseph the ability to interpret dreams which would lead him to the second highest position in all Egypt – even though he was Jewish – **Genesis 39**
 - v. To save the nation of Israel during a famine because of where He put Joseph in leadership – **Genesis 47**
 - vi. To part the waters of the Red Sea so that the Israel could pass through on dry ground from their enemies to safety – **Exodus 13**
 - vii. To hold the sun and the moon in its place so that there was no sunset for an entire day so that Joshua could defeat the enemies of God – **Joshua 10**
 - viii. To step out of eternity and into our world on a rescue mission for us from our mess – **Luke 2**
 - ix. To heal the sick ... To calm the storm with the Words of His mouth ... To cast out demons from the possessed – **Matthew 8**

- x. To give sight to a man who was born blind – **Matthew 9** ... To walk on water ... To feed thousands with a small boy's lunch – **Matthew 14**
- xi. To take the full wrath of God for our sins and atone for them – **Matthew 27** ... To conquer death and rise from the grave – **Matthew 28**
- xii. And ONE DAY ... He will return to take His church to be with Him forever and He will remove all sin ... death ... brokenness ... and evil – **1st Thessalonians 4**
- f. **Matthew 28:18**
- g. Jesus is not the Founder of Christianity – He is God ... He is the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End ... He is the First and the Last.
- h. **Philippians 2:9-11**
- i. **Revelation 20:11-15**

2. Therefore, Go!:

- a. **Matthew 28:19-20**
- b. *Therefore* – Because of what I just said:
- c. Because Jesus has all authority, He has given us a mission.
- d. Mission – *A task; An assignment that must be accomplished.*
- e. Commission – The act of committing or entrusting a person with power and or authority to accomplish a task or assignment.
- f. First – What is the Mission?
 - i. *“Go make disciples of all nations.”*
 - ii. Greek - **Ethnos** ... English – Ethnic ... *“Different people groups.”*
- g. Second – How do we do that?
 - i. *“Baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.”*
 - ii. Greek – **Baptizo** ... English – Baptize ... means ... *“To be plunged under water, to completely cover ... to bury.”*
 - iii. **Acts 2:38**
- h. Third – After Baptism, then what?
 - i. *“Teach them everything I have commanded you.”*
 - ii. Once we share the hope of the Gospel and a person responds to the Terms of Pardon, we need to walk with them on this journey to learn.
- i. Fourth – How can I possibly do this?
 - i. *“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*
 - ii. You cannot do this alone; you need the Holy Spirit to help you.
 - iii. **Philippians 4:13**
 - iv. **2nd Timothy 2:17**
 - v. Omission - *“Something left out ... not done ... neglected.”*
 - vi. By whose authority can we just decide to do what we want?

3. I AM with you always:

- a. **Matthew 28:20**
- b. This is one of the most neglected promises that Christians have in their life.
- c. We are all guilty of this in our lives.
- d. Sometimes when you feel lonely and you pray – but you whisper – “*Jesus, where are you?*”
- e. If you are saved in Christ and you have felt that way – I want you to know that you are human.
- f. No matter what you are going through in life, if you are saved in Christ, remember – “I AM with you!”
- g. **Matthew 1:23** – Think back to this verse.
- h. When Jesus says, “I AM with you” – He is reminding you of the depth of His sacrificial love.
- i. **Exodus 3:13-14** – Moses speaking to God.
- j. The Great I AM – He is the Self-Existing One ... All Powerful ... All Authority ... the One who holds all things together by the very Word of His Mouth.
- k. **Matthew 28:20**
- l. Greek – **Aion** ... English – **Era** ... “*A period of history of time having some distinct feature.*”
- m. We are called to:
 - i. Faith – **Romans 10:17**
 - ii. Believe – **John 3:16**
 - iii. Repent – **Luke 13:3**
 - iv. Confess – **Philippians 2:11; Matthew 10:32**
 - v. Baptism – **Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38**
 - vi. Faithfulness – **James 1:12; Revelation 2:10**
- n. Do you have the authority to omit any of these?