

THE GREAT COMMISSION

In Christianity, we could separate our lives into two main areas: Knowing God and our mission or calling as what we are to do for Him and His Kingdom while we are here on earth. Knowing Him is our first priority because it involves our relationship with Him! We have learned this in other studies but it bears repeating.

1. John 17:3 Knowing God is actually equated to what beautiful thing that the Father has given to every one of us who have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Answer: And this is _____

However, in this Bible study we are going to focus on the Mission aspect of Christianity. We will look at it from both a personal responsibility and the responsibility of the Church as a corporate entity.

Before the fall of Adam and Eve out of the perfect relationship that they had with God, He gave them the very first commission in the Bible.

2. Genesis 1:28 What command did God tell Adam and Eve in regards to their future offspring?

Answer: Be _____ and _____

God has always had a plan to have his sons and daughters inherit the earth. Unfortunately, mankind has fallen short of this mandate. But God also knew that we would hinder His plans, so He sent Jesus and through Jesus's provision God instituted what has been called "The Great Commission"!

3. Matthew 28:18-20 In verse 19 Jesus tells us to do what task in all the nations?

Answer: _____ of all the nations

4. Matthew 28:20 Though part of this commission was leading sinners to a conversion experience, what else did Jesus say was of great importance?

Answer: _____ them to observe all that I commanded you

5. Matthew 28:19 What important exercise accompanied the conversion experience that the Disciples were also commanded to do?

Answer: _____ them in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

6. Matthew 28:18 What is the key element here that God gave both to Jesus and thus, to us as Disciples, that we must have in order to accomplish this Great Commission?

Answer: _____

7. Acts 1:8 If we indeed need this authority or power as is stated here in this verse, where does this power come from?

Answer: And you shall receive power when the _____ comes upon you

The root word for power is the same word that is used for dynamite. Wow; if we would just believe that we have that kind of power inside of each and every one of us, what could we do?

Just like every area of our Christian walk our sharing of our Faith must be developed!

8. Philemon 1:8 According to the New King James version of the Bible, how does one become more effective in the sharing of their faith?

Answer: by the _____ of every good thing that is in you in Christ Jesus

And we acknowledge something by saying it out loud. So begin to memorize and say scriptures that declare who you are regarding the power that God has said is already in you!

The question may arise that asks if whether every one of us should be sharing this message of salvation or is it just for a few "Called Ones".

9. 2 Corinthians 5:17 We must first recognize an important point that we have already learned in the study on Salvation. If any man (or woman) is in Christ he (or she) becomes what?

Answer: _____

10. 2 Corinthians 5:18 As a result of becoming a new creature (or creation), what ministry does God give every single one of us?

Answer: the ministry of _____

The main idea of reconciliation is that it's an action of bringing back into union, or making a friendship from a relationship that had been broken or severed. This is one ministry that we all have!

11. 2 Corinthians 5:20a And since we all have this ministry of reconciliation what awesome title does God give each one of us?

Answer: _____

An Ambassador is a Representative. As believers, each of us represent a King, (Jesus), and His Kingdom and all of the principles of His Kingdom. This is a great honor!

12. Acts 1:8 When the power of the Holy Spirit comes upon us what happens in regards to whether or not we will be witnesses or not?

Answer: And you _____ be My witnesses

Wow, God is so much greater than any of our inadequacies!

13. Acts 1:8 Should our only concern be for the salvation of our local community?

Answer: ____

It's not an either/or question! However difficult it may seem, we are called to reach the whole world!

14. Matthew 4:17 Both Jesus and John the Baptist preached the same message. They both declared that something was being made known right before their eyes. What was that?

Answer: The _____ of ____ is at hand

John the Baptist's message was mainly one of repentance from disobeying God's Word. Jesus had an additional element to His message and teachings.

15. Matthew 11:5 What did Jesus tell John's disciples was the amazing thing that He was performing that John was expecting to hear and would thus, confirm that Jesus was the Messiah?

Answer: _____

It's no surprise that we see the Apostles performing the same kinds of miracles, signs and wonders that Jesus did. And it's no surprise to see the amazing testimonies that came as a result!

16. Acts 4:4 How many men were converted and believed in Jesus as a result of just one healing: the lame beggar being healed at the "Beautiful Gate"?

Answer: _____

17. Mark 16:17-18 Besides the Apostles, who else did Jesus say that mighty signs and miracles would accompany?

Answer: those who have _____

That means ALL of us! So let's start expecting God to use each and every one of us, because hurting people are waiting for God to show up and He uses anyone who will let Him!

Apostle Paul realized that he needed his brothers and sisters to do something special for him once they had "Put on the Full Armor of God" mentioned in Ephesians 6.

18. Ephesians 6:19 What did he ask the saints to do in order for him to make known the mystery of the Gospel, and in what manner was Paul to do this?

Answer: _____ for him; Make known with _____ the mystery of the Gospel

So we see that we are really all sent by God to a lost world that needs Jesus! But one might say, Can't I just do good works and isn't praying enough for lost people to find Jesus?

19. Romans 10:14 But it talks here about how lost souls can't believe in Him unless a basic principle takes place. What is that principle?

Answer: And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not _____

20. Romans 10:14 And who do they need to hear the Gospel from?

Answer: A _____

And we have already learned that we are all Ambassadors, so it is not surprising that a “Preacher” is just someone who proclaims the Gospel of Jesus! (not just ordained ministers)

21. Romans 10:15 What two adjectives are used here to describe the Gospel of one whose feet are called “Beautiful”?

Answer: _____ tidings of _____ things

22. Luke 15:7 The excitement is great in heaven when one sinner repents! What is the ratio of joy here comparing one sinner who repents to the number of righteous people who don’t need to repent?

Answer: There is more joy for one who repents than for over ____ righteous persons

Scriptures for your Essay: Luke 15:8-10; Acts 8: 25-38; Acts 16:22-34; Proverbs 11:30; Matthew 10:18-20; Luke 4:18-20

Essay:

Answers:

1. Eternal Life
2. Fruitful; multiply
3. Make Disciples
4. Teaching
5. Baptizing
6. Authority
7. Holy Spirit
8. Acknowledgment
9. New Creations
10. Reconciliation
11. Ambassadors
12. Shall
13. No
14. Kingdom; God
15. Miracles
16. 5,000
17. Believed
18. Pray; boldness
19. Heard
20. Preacher
21. Glad; good
22. 99

