

A Theology of Jesus Christ's Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20

I. The Declaration

All authority

in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

[Jesus Christ is the omnipotent (all-powerful) God and King of the universe (Rev. 4:8; Phil. 2:6-11; Dan. 7:14)]

II. The Exhortation

Go, therefore,

(A) **make disciples** from all the nations,

[IMPERATIVE COMMAND – MEANING: DO THIS!]

[Note: the first step in making disciples is sharing the good news about Jesus Christ the Savior King (See Mk. 1:15; Mt. 4:17, 10:7, 11:28-30; Jn. 3:16-21; 1 Cor. 15:3-4; Rm. 1:2-4, 3:23, 6:23, 10:9-11; Eph. 2:8-9; Acts 17:24-31; Gal. 2:16; Tit. 3:3-7)]

[What is a disciple of Jesus Christ? In Matthew 4:19 Jesus Christ states:

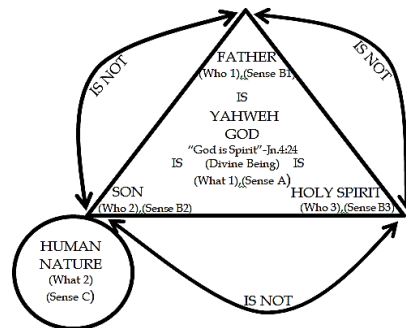
"Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."

1. *Come, follow me* – A disciple of Jesus Christ the Savior King is one who has *repented of their sins and trusted in Jesus Christ alone as their Lord (God) and Savior*. Christ is the only Master Leader and Master Teacher whom they follow (Mt. 16:24-26; 23:8-12).

2. *I will make you fishers of people* – A disciple of Jesus Christ while being transformed by Jesus Christ is on mission with Jesus Christ to make disciples of Jesus Christ who make disciples of Jesus Christ (in the home, in the church, and in the world).]

(B) **baptizing** [IMMERSING IN WATER] **them** [DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST]

into the name [SINGULAR NOT PLURAL, ONLY ONE GOD (Is. 42:8, 43:10-13, 45:5)]



of the Father [WHO 1]

of the Son [WHO 2] and

of the Holy Spirit [WHO 3]

[Yahweh God is One God that is Three Persons (The Trinity). In an analogous way, a triangle is one three-sided shape that is three points and this is not a contradiction. Therefore, the purpose of this diagram is simply and only to show that it is NOT a contradiction that Yahweh God is One What and is Three Persons. Plus, the Son added a Human Nature (NOT the subtraction of God). These are NOT contradictions. (Dt. 6:4; Rm. 1:1-5; 2 Cor. 13:14; Jn. 1:1-18; Jn. 14-17; Eph. 3:14-21, Ph. 2:6-11)]

(C) **teaching** [INTENTIONALLY TRAINING] **them** [DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST]

to obey [Lk. 11:28; Mt. 7:24-27; Jn. 15:9-13; 1 Jn. 3:21-24, 5:2-4; 1 Pt. 1:22; Rm. 16:25-27]

everything [Mt. 5-7; Mt. 24:35; Jn. 14:6, 17:17; Col. 2:3; 2 Pt. 1:3-4, 20-21; 2 Tim. 3:16-18]

I have commanded you. [Mk. 12:30; Jn. 13:34; Mt. 22:39; Lk. 6:27; Jn. 14:15]

III. The Promise

And **behold** [IMPERATIVE COMMAND – MEANING: DO THIS!]

I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

[Yahweh God is the personally caring omnipresent (always present) God (Rev. 4:11; Ex. 3:1-20)]

[Note: in most English translations LORD, with all caps stands, for the Hebrew name Yahweh]

God is with us in Jesus Christ the Savior King

[Matthew 4:17 & Matthew 25:31-46]

[Yahweh Saves] in [The Anointed One]

[Matthew 1:17]

[Matthew 1:21]

[Immanuel]

[Matthew 1:23]