The Command to Evangelize

Matthew 28:18-20

I. The Lord's Command.

Matt. 28:19-20

A. The Great Commission is to His church.

<u>Matthew 10:7</u>, and as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

B. Jesus put the importance on the message.

<u>Mark 16:15-16</u>, Go into all the world and <u>preach the gospel</u> to every creature. ¹

⁶He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

II. The Plan to Evangelize.

Acts 1:8

A. Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria to the uttermost.B. <u>The objective of the ministry of every local church.</u>

III. The Method to Reach People for Christ.

Rom.10:13-15

A. God's method is simple.

<u>Rom. 10:14</u>, <u>How then shall they call</u> on Him in whom they have not believed? And <u>how shall they believe</u> in Him of whom they have not heard?

And how shall they hear without a preacher?

- B. <u>Everyone can have a part in sharing the gospel.</u> <u>Verse 15a</u>, and how shall they preach unless they are sent? <u>Acts 13: 3-4</u>, Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on
 - <u>Acts 13: 3-4</u>, Then, having fasted and prayed, and Idia hands or them, they <u>sent</u> them away.
 - ⁴So, being <u>sent</u> out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.
- C. This command is for all the body of Christ.

IV. The Example of Evangelism.

Acts 11:19-21

A. <u>Acts 8: 4</u> – Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.

- B. These disciples in Acts were being persecuted.
- C. Not only did Jesus command us to evangelize.

V. The Result of our Obedience.

Acts 17: 2-6

A. They turned their world upside down.

<u>V4</u>, "Some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude ... not a few..."

B. Some were not persuaded and resisted.

- 1. Dedication to the Command of God.
- 2. Commitment to the Plan given us.
- 3. Determination with the Method, person to person.
- 4. Following their Example of Jesus and others.
- 5. Expecting the Results, "some were persuaded."

- 1. Examine ourselves.
- 2. <u>Repent of past failures</u>.
- 3. <u>Be Consistent in your Christian walk.</u>
- 4. Be honest with yourself and with others.
- 5. <u>Be busy in the work of the Lord in Love</u>.
- 6. Evangelize.

We have the command, the plan, the method, the example, and we know what the result will be: some will believe and be saved, and some will not. But unless we witness, no one will come to Christ.

