

Disciples of Christ for Christ

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Acts 1:2,4-5 [Legacy Standard Bible]

²until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen,

⁴And gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me;
⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

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make disciples (*matheiteusatei* – “make disciples”) of all the nations,

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Romans 8:29 (LSB)

²⁹Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become **conformed to the image of His Son,** so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers;

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≠ to get people out of Hell

≠ to help people become better people

≠ to access God's material/circumstantial blessings

≠ to make people feel loved, happy and fulfilled

Making Disciples

John 8:31 (LSB)

³¹So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him,
"If you abide in My word, then you are truly My disciples;

John 13:35 (LSB)

³⁵"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have
love for one another."

I. "Go-ing"

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I. "Go-ing"

Colossians 4:2–3 (LSB)

²Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving;

³praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been bound,

I. "Go-ing"

Acts 1:8 (LSB)

⁸but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the end of the earth."

I. "Go-ing"

Mark 16:20 (LSB)

²⁰And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed.

Acts 8:3–4 (LSB)

³But Saul began ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he was delivering them into prison.

⁴Therefore, those who had been scattered went about, proclaiming the good news of the word.

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II. "Baptizing"

Romans 6:3–5 (LSB)

³Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

⁴Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,

II. "Baptizing"

Bobby Jamieson: Understanding Baptism

"A church's public act, symbolizing a believer's union with Christ... serving as the visible entry into the local church and marking them as a Christian. It is an "oath-sign" uniting the individual with the community and marking him off from the world."

III. "Teaching"

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III. "Teaching"

1 Timothy 3:14–15 (LSB)

¹⁴I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you soon,

¹⁵but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

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III. "Teaching"

Hebrews 4:11–13 (LSB)

¹¹Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall into the same example of disobedience.

¹²For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

¹³And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are uncovered and laid bare to the eyes of Him to whom we have an account to give.

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