## The Blessed Commission

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(Matt. 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Luke 24:47-49, John 20:21, Acts 1:8)

Ephesians 4:11-13

<sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds<sup>[a]</sup> and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

Romans 15:19-20

<sup>19</sup> by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; <sup>20</sup> and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation,

Two errors in mission communication today:

- 1. Missions is everything
- 2. Everything is missions

Mission minus the Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_

Colossians 1:28-29

<sup>28</sup> Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup> For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

The Great Commission passages:

Matt. 28:18-20

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in [a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Mark 16:15-16 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. <sup>16</sup> Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Luke 24:47-49 (NIV)

<sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

John 20:21(NIV)

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Why might we consider calling the Great Commission the Blessed Commission?

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Genesis 12:1-3

God's plan to bless the natins throughout the Old Testament: Psalm 22:27, Psalm 86:9, Isaiah 66:18-23, Jeremiah 3:17

Philippians 4:18-19, Mark 10:29, Colossian 1:24