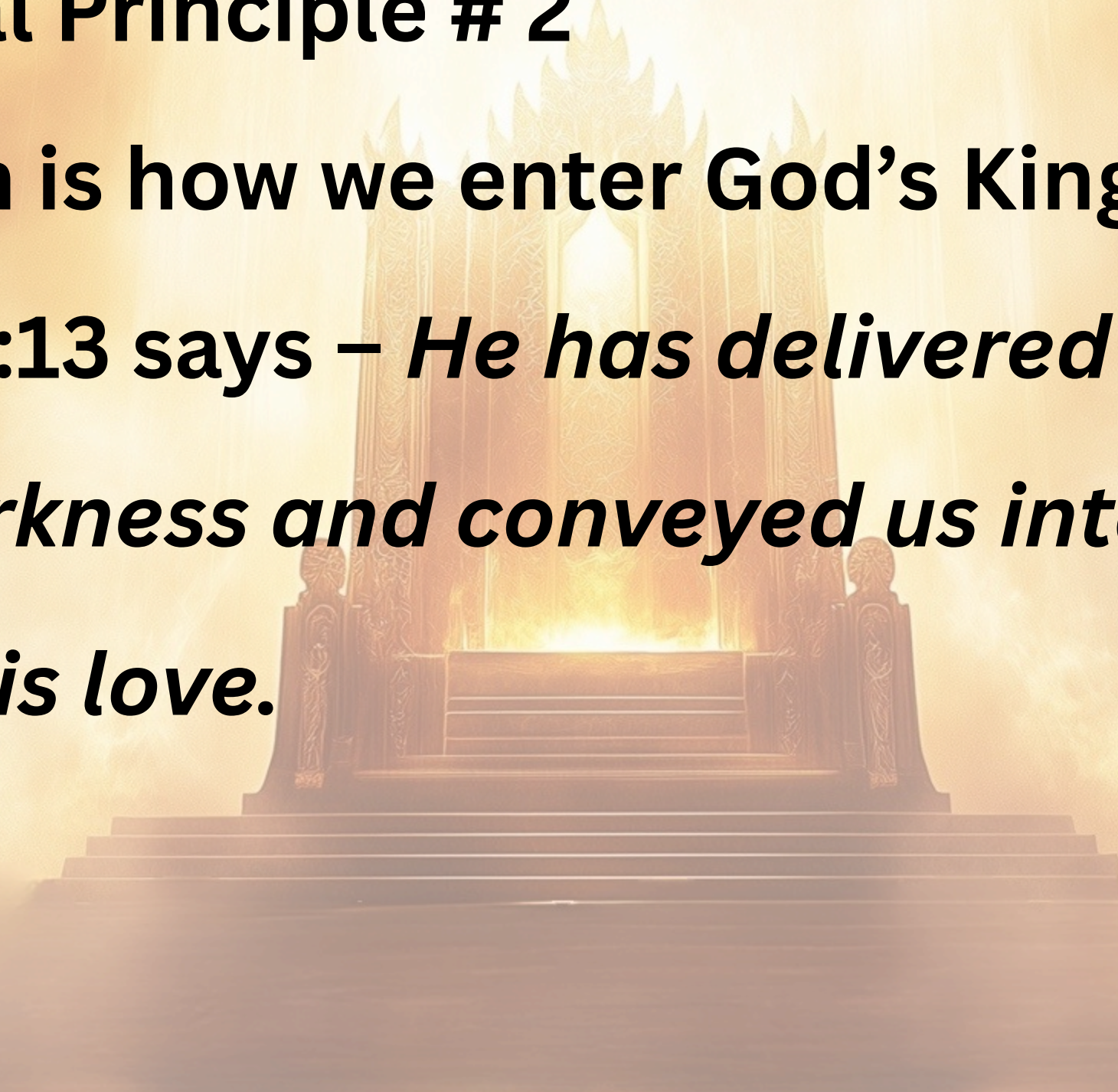


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- Foundational Principle # 2
 - Salvation is how we enter God's Kingdom.
- Colossians 1:13 says – *He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.*



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- Once we enter the kingdom, however, we must recognize that Jesus is not only Savior; He is King.
 - Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV) – *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder.*
 - Matthew 28:18 (NKJV) – *All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.*

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- From Genesis to Revelation, the Father's plan has always been to establish His Son as King over all creation.
 - Jesus did not become King after His resurrection. He was born King.
 - When the wise men arrived in Jerusalem, they asked:
"Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?"
(Matthew 2:2, ESV)

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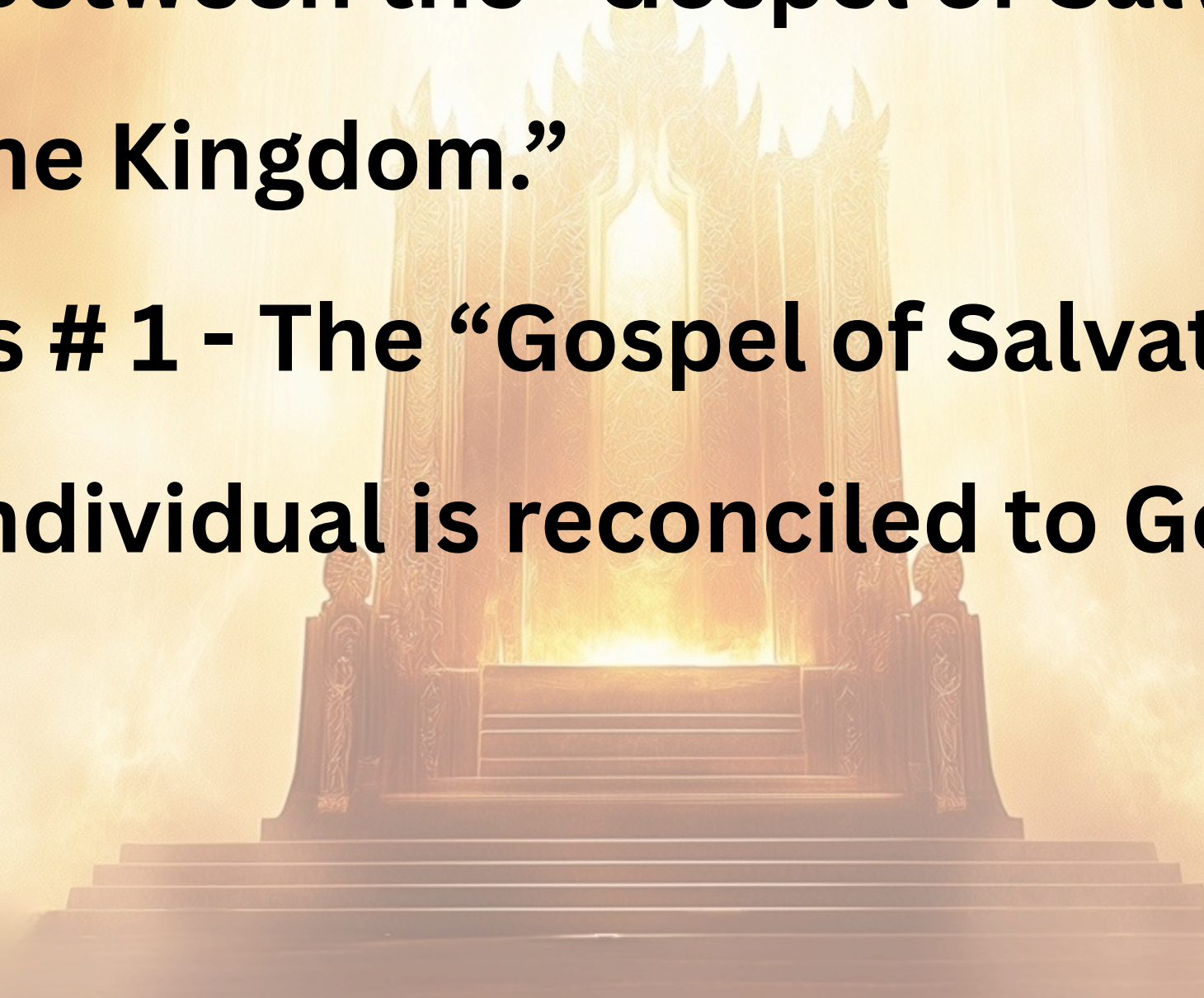
- Kingship wasn't something Jesus earned. It was His identity.
 - Even before His birth, the angel Gabriel announced:
"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." (Luke 1:32–33, ESV)

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- The incarnation wasn't simply God sending a Savior. It was heaven sending its King.
 - Key Takeaway: The gospel is not only the message of personal forgiveness; it is also the announcement that the King has come and His Kingdom has been inaugurated.

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- **Distinction Between the “Gospel of Salvation” and the “Gospel of the Kingdom.”**
 - **Emphasis # 1 - The “Gospel of Salvation” focuses on how an individual is reconciled to God.**



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- The central message of “Gospel of Salvation” is:
 - Humanity is sinful.
 - Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead.
 - Salvation is received by grace through faith in Christ.
 - Those who believe receive forgiveness, eternal life, and justification before God.

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- Key passages of the “Gospel of Salvation”:
 - John 3:16 – *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*
 - Ephesians 2:8–9 – *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

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- Key passages of the “Gospel of Salvation”:
 - Romans 10:9–10 – *That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

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- Key passages of the “Gospel of Salvation”:
 - 1 Corinthians 15:3–4 – *For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.*
 - In summary, the “Gospel of Salvation” answers the question, “How can I be saved?”

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- Distinction Between the “Gospel of Salvation” and the “Gospel of the Kingdom.”
 - Emphasis # 2 - The “Gospel of the Kingdom” emphasizes God's reign and rule being established through Jesus Christ.

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- The central message of “Gospel of the Kingdom” is:
 - God's Kingdom has come near in Christ.
 - Jesus is the promised King.
 - People are called to repent, believe, and submit to His rule.
 - Christ's Kingdom is present now spiritually and will be fully established when He returns.

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- The central message of “Gospel of the Kingdom” is:
 - It focuses on God's reign and emphasizes Christ's kingship, kingdom citizenship, and discipleship.



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- Key passages of the “Gospel of the Kingdom”:
 - Matthew 4:17 – *From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*
 - Matthew 4:23 – *And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.*

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- Key passages of the “Gospel of the Kingdom”:
 - Mark 1:14–15 – *Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”*

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- Key passages of the “Gospel of the Kingdom”:
 - Luke 4:43 – *But He said to them, “I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent.”*
 - In summary, the Gospel of the Kingdom answers the question, “Who is the rightful King, and what does life under His reign look like?”

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- The “Gospel of Salvation” is the door into the kingdom, but the “Gospel of the Kingdom” describes how you function as a son or daughter in Christ once you get in.
 - These are not competing gospels, but complementary gospels.
 - It is not either/or, but both/and.

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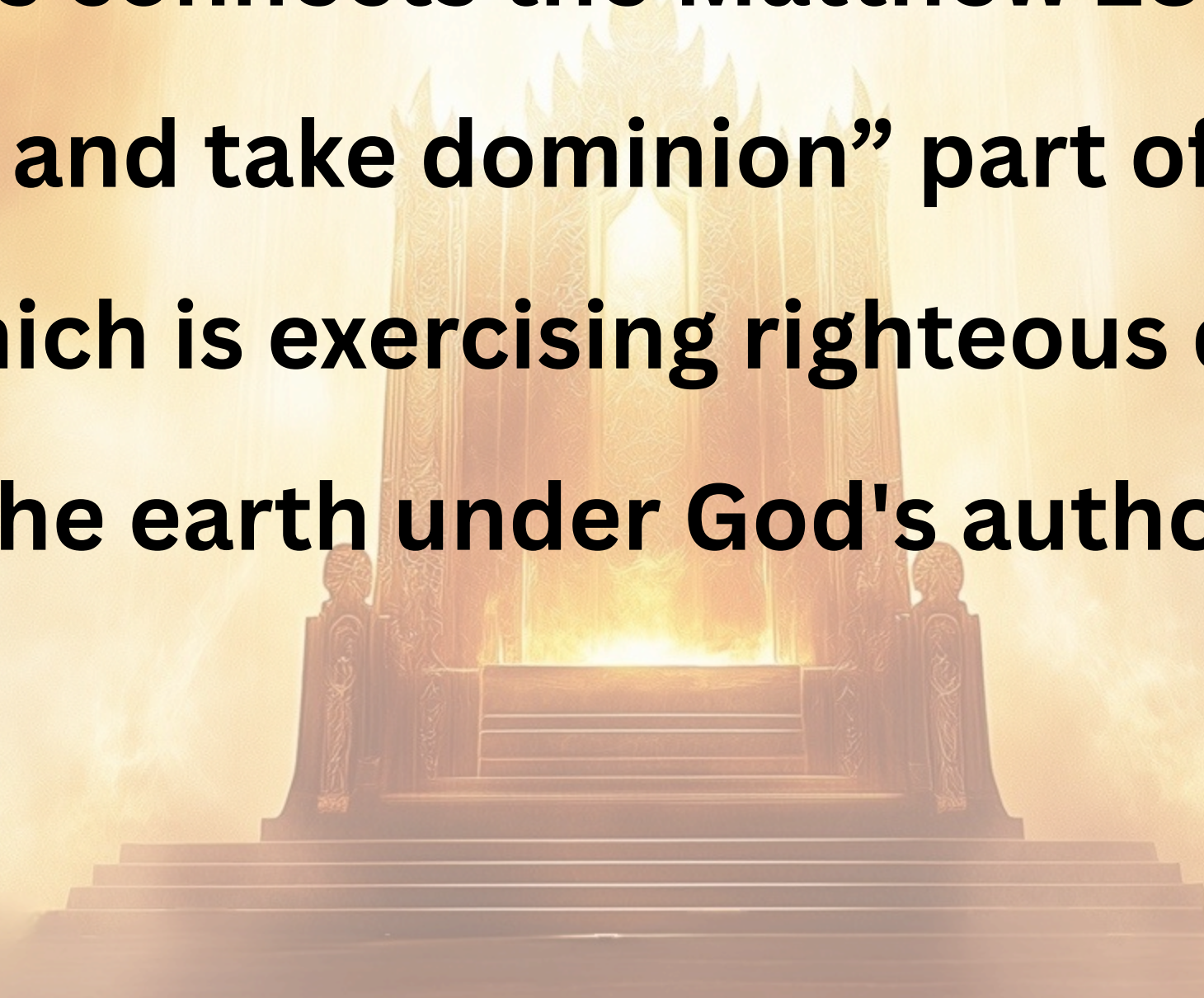
- **The Mark 16 Commission is more about evangelism (Building God's Family).**
 - **"Go into all the world and preach the gospel..."**
 - **Focus: winning souls, healing the sick, casting out demons, and bringing people into God's family.**
 - **Dutch Sheets connects this to the "Be fruitful and multiply" part of the Dominion Mandate in Genesis 1:28.**

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- **The Matthew 28 Commission is more about discipleship and kingdom reformation (Building God's Kingdom)**
 - **"Make disciples of all nations...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."**
 - **Focus: discipling individuals and transforming nations so that every sphere of society reflects Christ's lordship.**

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- Dutch Sheets connects the Matthew 28 commission to the “subdue and take dominion” part of the Genesis 1:28 mandate, which is exercising righteous dominion and stewarding the earth under God's authority.



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- In summary:
 - Mark 16 = Get people saved.
 - Matthew 28 = Teach those saved to bring every area of life and society under the influence of Christ's Kingdom.
 - Again, it is not either/or, but both/and.