

## The GREAT Commission

**Mat 28:18 (message Version)** *Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: “God authorized and commanded me to commission you: v19 Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. v20 Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I’ll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.”*

I don’t know why we put so much emphasis on “the great commission”. Did Jesus actually stand there and say, I give you a great commission blah blah blah... No I don’t see it anywhere. Why do I say this? Because God told Joshua, Moses, David, Ezekial, Elijah and Elisha and all the old testament prophets the same thing, **psalms 119 v 1** says it all pretty well, and all the way through Psalms as well we see the same thing, we walk in victory when we remember his word, when we meditate on his word, when we teach others his word they too will walk in victory. If we just go to church and listen to the word, it will not do us much good, it is far more better to read it for yourself, then when you get a hold of it and realise the power that is available to the believer you will want to tell others all about it too, this is what Jesus told us in Matthew, go and train or teach people my commandments, instruct them and practice in them, he finishes off with “*lo I will be with you till the end of the days,*” but that is only after he has told us to make disciples or teach others, that is when he will be with us, think about it.

Recently I went and done my yearly training for my Marriage Celebrant licence, the course that I chose was “Interfaith Marriages” because I thought it would be interesting, it was rather boring except for one comment the lecturer made and it shocked me, according to last years bureau of statistics, the fastest growing religion in Australia is Wiccan! Followed closely by Buddhism, then Muslim. What shocked me even more was that Christianity is said to be heavily declining or not growing much at all compared to the last statistics where it was out in front. You know something, I sometimes wonder if God will not being judging us along the lines of the Ten Commandments but along the lines of the one commandment Jesus gave us in the above verses. If he does, we are in big trouble.

You say yes Roscoe, but we are not saved by works but by faith alone, I know that! James tells us that faith without works is dead too did you know that! How selfish have we become, that God has given us the greatest gift of all time, salvation through belief in his son Jesus, and yet we won’t share it with anyone! You may say I am not called to be a missionary or evangelist... Sharing your faith has nothing to do with that! Sharing your faith is obeying the above last and final command of Jesus before he ascended into heaven.

Whatever happened to the hellfire and brimstone preachers? It has become a bless me club now, I am at fault here too ya know, but I realise now, that my unsaved neighbours are going to hell, and so are yours, and their blood will be on our hands if we do not share Jesus with them! Go, into **ALL** the world and make disciples one version says, not win converts, make disciples, think about it! Are you making disciples? Am I making disciples, I think we need to change our thinking and start talking to others about Jesus!