

28 Sep 2014: Preached by Dr Jeffrey Khoo

Topic: **The Great Commission or the Great Omission?**

Scripture Text: Matthew 28:18-20

1. There is a 4-fold mission in the Great Commission given by the Lord Jesus Christ to His disciples in Matt 28:18-20. It is a command and not an option. If we neglect any one part, the Great Commission actually becomes the great omission to us and we have failed the Lord.
2. In v.19, the first part is to GO. We are to put on the Gospel shoes to go and preach the Gospel. We must commit ourselves to go and be active in evangelism. We are to go from our Jerusalem to Judea to Samaria and then to the uttermost part of the world in preaching the Gospel.
3. Secondly, we are to teach (v.19) which means to make disciples. This means preaching the full Gospel of Jesus Christ of His death, burial and resurrection. The Gospel is the power of God to save souls.
4. Thirdly, we are to baptize (v.19) so that those who are saved are admitted into the local Church to serve God. Baptism does not save but it is necessary to show obedience to Christ's command. A true believer will seek baptism which is a visible sign of the invisible grace in the heart of the believer.
5. Fourthly, we are to teach again (v.20) which is indoctrination of the Christian faith. We are to teach all things to the believers so that they are protected from the attacks of the evil one. Christians must know both the milk and meat of God's Word.
6. It is humanly impossible to fulfill the 4 fold part of the Great Commission. We need God's help and hence Jesus said all power is given unto Him. God's power working in us can enable us to do His work. Jesus also promised to be with us all the way (v.20). With God, we can succeed.