

# The Mission of God

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<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."

## Goal of the Mission: Worshipers from all Peoples

**Revelation 7:9-12** After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

<sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

<sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

## Basis of the Mission: the Authority of Christ

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**Ephesians 1:20-23** [The greatness of God's power working in us is the same power] that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

<sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

<sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,

<sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## Content of the Mission: Make Disciples

**Matthew 28:19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations

### What is a Disciple?

- **Recognizes their sin and places their faith solely in Christ for Salvation**

**Romans 3:20-26** For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it--

<sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

<sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

<sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

- **Has a heart of true faith that produces absolute devotion to Christ above all**

**Luke 14:25-33** Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them,

<sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

<sup>27</sup> Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?

<sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,  
<sup>30</sup> saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

<sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

<sup>32</sup> And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.

<sup>33</sup> So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

- **Follows Christ**

**Luke 9:23-24** And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

<sup>24</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

## How are disciples made?

- **Going**

**Matthew 28:19** Go therefore...

**Matthew 9:37-38** Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

- **Baptizing**

**Matthew 28:19** baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**Romans 6:1-11** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

<sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

<sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

<sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

<sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

<sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin.

<sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

<sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

<sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

<sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- **Teaching**

**Matthew 28:20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

**Matthew 22:36-40** Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

<sup>37</sup> And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

<sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment.

<sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

<sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

## Empowerment in the Mission: the Presence of Christ

**Matthew 28:20** And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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