



FRONTLINE ACADEMY

Session Two

Recap: Missions and Evangelism, an overview of the Old Testament

- Genesis 3:15
- Genesis 12:1-3
- Exodus 19:3-6
- Isaiah 49:5-7
- Psalm 67

1 Peter 2:9-10

Continuing our Biblical overview.

- Bird's eye view
- General > Specific
- A "defense" of evangelism
- An encouragement to continue in / begin sharing the Gospel
- Overview of the New Testament using the Great Commission

Is the Great Commission for us?

"A spanner in the works?"

- Confusion and debate surrounds the Reformers position.
- In context it was given to the 11 remaining disciples.
- We are called to share, but not every believer's path will look the same.
- Paul said in Colossians 1:23, "This is the Gospel that you heard, and that **HAS BEEN (WAS) proclaimed to every creature under heaven.**"

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Tension Resolved

- We can all be involved in various ways (Romans 15).
- Colossians 1:23, explained.
- Timothy is a "3rd generation" disciple. 2 Tim 1:5 (C. 60AD)
- The New Testament is full of various Gospel workers. 3 John 5-8 (C. 90AD)
- Jesus said it applies until the "end of the age."
- *"An Inquiry into the Obligations of Christians..."* (William Carey)
- Logically it must apply to us (Romans 10:14-15).

Matthew 28:16-20

- Where does our authority to share the Gospel come from?
- Famously **one** command: to make disciples.
- A usage of Greek unique to the New Testament.
- "To cause someone to be a follower," persuasive language.
- "Of all nations."

Matthew 28:16-20 cont.

- Baptizing and teaching, activities within disciple making.
- Baptizing in the name, language of ownership.
- Disciples are baptized, meaning baptism didn't make them a disciple. The necessary requirement for baptism is that you are already a disciple.
- The teaching involves uniquely Biblical teaching.
- The teaching is last.
- Teaching is part of the Great Commission
- "I am with you always."

Luke 24:44-47

- Luke 24:21 "The one to redeem Israel."
- Jesus links the Great Commission to the Old Testament.
- The Old Testament is ultimately about and pointing to Jesus!
- Repentance, a change of mind/ change of heart.
- To all nations.

John 20:21

- Jesus directly states He is sending out the disciples.
- We have demonstrated earlier, although we are not a part of the "twelve," we are implicated in being sent out as we are also disciples.
- We began our time in Genesis looking out how we have a God with a missional heart, and as image bearers we should be involved in that mission.
- Here Jesus asks us to copy this process of Him being sent by the Father.

Acts 1:8

- When will you restore the Kingdom of Israel?
- Acts 10:42-43
- Sharing the Gospel with those close and far.
- We are not to neglect those close either!
- 50% of seekers come to us "domestically."
- Who is the missionary?

Revelation 5:9-10

- Every tribe and language and people and nation.
- A kingdom of priests. Exodus 19:3-6
- We are told the outcome, what could be more encouraging?

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Hudson Taylor
(Justinian von Welz)

Concluding Reflections

- ✓ God will achieve his purposes and is using us right now towards this end.
- ✓ We are the priests who have been sent out by the one true creator of the universe.
- ✓ We have authority from God Himself. Sharing the Gospel is not something to be afraid about but morally good and loving.

Next Session

- ✓ One more week(?) on motivations for sharing the Gospel
- ✓ An in depth look at 2 Corinthians 4-5 – 03.04.2025
- ✓ Apologetics – 03.18.2025
- ✓ Send in a topic you want to see covered!
- ✓ Further reflection and study: What is the timeline of our "Great Commission passages?"