

(Matthew 28:16-20, NIV84)

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

People who work in sales are familiar with commissions; oftentimes salespeople make their livelihood from commissions -- the greater the commission, the greater their income.

There is no greater commission than the Great Commission. Before His ascension into heaven, as His parting command, Jesus gave the Great Commission to His disciples. It is not a form of income or LIVELIHOOD for believers. Instead the Great Commission is the LIFE of every believer -- it is our calling and purpose.

Jesus certainly could have commissioned His holy angels to carry out the work of spreading the gospel throughout the world, but instead He chose to commission weak and fallible sinners for this all-important task. Just think how well-suited we sinners are for this task. Holy angels are perfect and not in need of salvation, but as the natural-born enemies of God that we are, we have been rescued from our lost and sinful state and have been brought into God's family by the redemption of Jesus, our Savior. Our sins are forgiven and we are dearly loved brothers and sisters of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Think of the passion with which we can carry out our task of making disciples of all nations, to testify boldly: Amazing grace -- how sweet the sound-- That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.

Thank God for this profound privilege and thank God for those who have gone before us and have undertaken this wonderful task so that you and I have become disciples of Jesus through their blessed efforts. May God bless us with the joyous desire to make disciples who, just like us, will know the wonderful blessing of salvation in Christ and want to share it with others too.

Commissioned with you to make disciples in Christ,  
Pastor Golm

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## The Holy Trinity

Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Matthew 28:19

The doctrine of the Holy Trinity will always be a mystery to our finite minds. It is said that one day the great church father St. Augustine, in deep meditation on the doctrine of the Trinity, was walking along the seashore. Suddenly his attention focused on a small girl carrying one shell of water after another from the sea to a little hole which she had dug in the sand.

"What are you doing, little girl?" he asked. In all innocence she replied: "Oh, I'm going to empty the sea into this little hole." Augustine smiled; but as he walked along, he said to himself: "That is exactly what I have been trying to do. I have been trying to encompass the doctrine of the Holy Trinity with this little mind of mine."

But, while the doctrine of the Holy Trinity cannot be grasped by the human mind, there can be no doubt that it is clearly taught in Scripture. Matthew tells us that, when Jesus stepped out of the Jordan after having been baptized, the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, descended upon him, and a voice from heaven (the Father's) said: "This is my beloved Son." This incident recorded the presence of all three persons of the Trinity.

Then, too, our Lord on several occasions spoke of the Spirit whom he would send from the Father-again indicating the activity of three persons. Perhaps clearest of all is Christ's final command to his disciples, namely, that they should baptize "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost", that is in the name of the Holy Trinity.

This doctrine may be unsearchable, but it means very much to the believer. We have a Father who created and preserves us. We have his Son, the Savior, who became one of us in order to redeem us. And we have an ever-present Comforter, the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from both, who preserves us unto life eternal. O ever-blessed Trinity!

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