

## Lesson Three - The Great Commission - 3/27/19

It is an amazing truth that the one thing God has given the New Testament Church to do is Christianity's single greatest failure. In Matthew Chapter 28, we have one of the most familiar portions of Scripture in all the Word of God, which is known as The Great Commission. **In most churches today, people work at just about everything but pursuing souls.** If they talk about pursuing souls, that is usually as far as it goes. As we take each of the five times the Great Commission is recorded, find the particular truths that can be found in each of them, and put the five parts together to make the whole, we come to understand what is truly involved in this Great Commission. Let us attempt to take these in the order in which Christ gave them.

### 1. Constraining Reason: We are Sent to Witness by Divine Authority

John 20:19-21; 2 Cor. 5:14

The foundation for this Commission is in the heart of God.

### 2. Clarifying Revelation: We are Witnesses

Luke 24:36-48; Acts 4:20

Before we can witness, we must be witnesses. We are witnesses of the:

- A. Christ's Sufferings - Luke 24:26
- B. Canon of Scripture - Luke 24:27
- C. Christ's Salvation - Luke 24:31-32

### 3. Calming Relationship: Jesus is With Us as We Witness

Mat. 28:18-20; John 14:26-27; 2 Tim. 1:7-12; Heb. 13:5-6

The Holy Ghost is not confined to a location as Christ was in His robe of flesh.

### 4. Converting Results: Miracles Take Place as We Witness of the Gospel

Mark 16:14-18; Psa. 126:5-6; Isa. 55:10-11; 1 Cor. 3:4-9; 2 Cor. 5:17

This is not about sign gifts, but about changed lives.

### 5. Continuing Routine: There is No Time to Stop Witnessing

Acts 1:6-8; Psa. 90:12; Eph. 5:16-17

There is no place to stop. There is no time to stop. Jesus instructed them to be witnesses *in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.* Here at the First Baptist Church of Pinch, we are to be witnesses on Upper Pinch, in all of Elkview, in Big Chimney, and up and down every holler in between!