

Matthew 28 – The False Commission

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

In the late 18th century and throughout the 19th century, some Protestant derivatives found Matthew 28:19 and “specialized” in the what they call the “Great Commission”. However, Protestant religions, through their Covenant / Reformed Theology, do not understand the Bible, so, it is no wonder their emphasis on Matthew 28 is taken out of context.

Fun Fact: There is no such thing as a “Great Commission”. The term is nowhere found in the Bible. It exists only in the imagination of the misguided religions that made it up, then choose to devote their lives to following it. It is a false interpretation and misunderstanding of something that never existed. It is not a biblical truth.

So, what is the context?

For starters, the four Jewish Gospels about the Jews are Jewish books: the continuation and fulfillment of the Old Testament. Jesus was a minister to the Jews, never to the Gentiles.

Romans 15:8 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises [made] unto the fathers:

There are no Gentile doctrines in the four Jewish Gospels, and Jesus never told the Gentiles to do anything. In fact, The four Gospels do not deal with the Gentiles at all, or the future Body of Christ, and certainly not the corrupt, apostate Gentile Roman pagan Christian religion, or its Protestant offshoot that did not exist until twenty centuries post Christ.

Fun Fact: The modern-day religion called Christianity is not found in the four Jewish Gospels or anywhere else in the Bible. It is a construct of man, an invention many centuries beyond Christ. It is a false, man-made religion like Mormonism, Catholicism, Pentecostalism, and many other brand names of the retail church under the umbrella of Protestantism.

Fun Fact: The Christian religion, in any and all of its mutations, is not a valid expression of biblical truth.

Paul

In that not-so-distant future of Christ's day, the ascended Christ would task the Apostle Paul to reach the Gentile nations with a new message never heard before: God's message to mankind. That would be Paul's Gospel and the “mystery hid in God since the beginning of the world”, that is, Christ in you.

Romans 15:16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

I Timothy 1:12 ¶ And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

II Timothy 1:11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

In sending Paul to the Gentiles, God turned the page, leaving the Jews and the Jewish law behind. From that moment, the 2000-year Age of Grace would offer everyone salvation through faith. The Jews were put aside in blindness, hardened that they might not see the truth, and scattered throughout the world. This new chapter did not include the Jewish books of the four Jewish Gospels, or the Jewish Hebrew epistles, except as they provide information on Jewish history. The Old Testament served the same purpose. The Jews and the Jewish writings were rendered obsolete with the indwelling Spirit of God

Second, In the Matthew 28 verse, Jesus speaks only to His disciples. His statement is not prescriptive for all time or for all humanity going forward. Rather, it is a descriptive scene of a moment in Christ's ministry that religion lifts from the Bible, out of context, and mistakenly applies to themselves. Consider: many events occurred throughout the Old Testament books, but those happenings should not be applied to the Gentile life today. Same with the four Jewish Gospels that are the continuation of the Old Testament, providing the final act of man in sin and God's plan to save humanity. That the Christian religion majors on the obsolete literature of Jewish anthology is a mistake, and a fatal flaw in Christianity.

Fun Fact: When Jesus said in Matthew and other places to "Go Ye" "baptizing them"... This is the first clue something is amiss. Water baptism had / has nothing to do with the Gentiles and never did. The Apostle Paul's ministry, given to him by Christ is God's message to mankind. God did not include water baptism for the Gentiles in this Age of Grace.

The practice of "water baptism" found in the four Jewish Gospels, and in Peter's Jewish Gospel and ministry, were replaced by the miracle of the Spirit abiding in man. God's message through the Apostle Paul prescribed a Spiritual baptism of the indwelling Spirit of God.

The miracle of the indwelling Spirit also replaced all the signs and wonders, including speaking in tongues, healings, etc., and eliminated church buildings, the "temples", cathedrals, and other worship alters. Members of the Body of Christ are each the temple of God and do not need to go anywhere to present themselves before God as did the Jews, and the pagans in the worship of their false gods.

The Protestant Church model is a hand-me-down from Catholicism, and Catholicism got it from the Jewish and pagan temple worship. It is not for the Body of Christ. The Christian religions of today follow their "Church rituals" in ignorance as they do most everything else they believe.

A Wrong Reference

Protestant Covenant religion does not recognize distinctions between Jewish and Gentile writings in the Bible. They mix the Bible altogether in a Cuisinart fashion, then take out little pieces as it suits them, disconnected, out of context, and divorced from the textual flow. It is fair and accurate to say that the hundreds of Protestant religious variants of today are nothing more than a collection of

random Bible verses taken out of context. The followers of these religions can quote these disjointed verses verbatim all day long, but do not know what they mean or how they connect with the rest of Scripture. In this they are no better than parrots. Romans is an excellent example of this. That is one of the reasons for all the denominational diversity and the wide array of beliefs held by the various Christian religions (If you ever wondered).

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Protestants take the little piece of Matthew 28:19 as if Christ issued marching orders to a then non-existent Gentile Christianity. The "Go Ye" (period), is really "Go Ye" plus lots more stuff, conveniently omitted because Christs full statement, found in Mark 16, would make no sense in Protestant religion, prove an embarrassment to the Protestants, and short circuit the fictitious mission the Protestants think they received from Jesus, but did not.

Consider In the four Jewish Gospels, during His three-year ministry, Jesus went to the Jew only, deliberately omitting the Gentiles and calling them "dogs", His words. Neither Jesus nor His disciples ministered to, or interacted with the Gentiles, avoiding them entirely, and referring to both the Gentiles and Samaritans as heathens, and sinners.

Post-ascension, Jesus commissioned the Apostle Paul to minister to the Gentiles with a new message that Christ never spoke to His disciples; information the world had never heard, information that God chose for the Gentiles to receive from the mouth of the Apostle Paul, information that had nothing to do with the Jewish Old Testament, the four Jewish Gospels about the Jews, the Jews, or the obsolete Jewish Hebrew epistles.

That the Christian religion of today believes that Jesus, 2000 years ago, spoke specifically to them, a misguided, biblically ignorant group of Gentiles, without God or the Spirit of God, despising the Jews, preaching a false gospel, a false Spirit, and a phony Jesus, ignoring Christ's messenger to the Gentiles, the Apostle Paul - and they thinking Jesus commanded them into the mission field to convert the world to their brand of made-up religion is beyond absurd.

Mark 16

The Protestant religion takes bits of scripture out of context to salt their sermons, studies, and books - just enough to pretend legitimacy in their works, and to support a missions and evangelization agenda that has no biblical support. So, what stuff did they leave out of the "GO YE" message?

In the Gospel of Mark, the writer records a more complete dialogue of the Matthew 28:19 event:

Mark 16: 15-18

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Below is an expanded explanation:

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

- This is the companion verse to Matthew 28:19, Marks version.
- Which Gospel? Obviously the only Gospel at that time, given only to the Jews: “The Kingdom of Heaven”. This Gospel was superseded when God put the Jews away for a time, and the ascended Christ sent Paul into the world with a new Gospel message to the world: Salvation by grace through faith, and the abiding Spirit of God.
- Christianity still preaches the old, outdated Jewish Gospel found in the four Jewish Gospels, or Peter’s Jewish Gospel: Believe in Jesus, repentance, and baptism for the remission of sin. Both of these Gospels were superseded in Paul and neither apply to the Body of Christ, or anyone else. They are obsolete, expired, every bit as much as the Jewish sacrificial system. However, Christian religions will use these out-dated verses in their belief systems. This is the first of many clues that these religions should be avoided.
- This mission Jesus gave to the disciples was never fulfilled as the disciples never left Jerusalem, but remained there awaiting the Lords return.
- Instead, the Jews were scattered, blinded, hardened to the truth for the entire 2000-year Age of Grace (now drawing to a close).
- The Jews will fulfill their mission in the coming millennial reign of Christ, as all the nations will come to the Jews.

:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

- In the Jewish world, water baptism was a requirement, both in the four Jewish Gospels, and post-Jesus in the Acts 2 Jewish Church with Peter and his Jewish Gospel that included water baptism for the remission of sins.
- In Paul’s Epistles to the Gentiles, the miracle of the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Gods’ indwelling spirit) replaced not only water baptism, but Church buildings, signs and wonders, tongues, and healings, etc....
- The act of water baptism for the remission of sins found in the Jewish Gospels (John the Baptist) was a place-holder of better things to come. The Spirit of God indwelling replaced water baptism in the same way Christ’s once-for-all sacrifice replaced the Jewish Old Testament animal sacrificial system. Water baptism and animal sacrifice were place-holders of a future reality and they came to an end with the Spirit of God given to man. This same event rendered all Jews and Jewish writings obsolete.
- Paul’s ministry to the Gentiles makes no provision for water baptism.

:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe;

- “Signs” are for the Apostolic period and not beyond, replaced by the miraculous gift of the indwelling Spirit of God. Taking Christs “Go Ye” today requires taking the rest of the Go Ye message, including the signs here mentioned. There were no exceptions made: signs would follow. This was not applicable after Christ’s sacrificial death or in the ministry of the Apostle

Paul. There was no application in Paul's ministry for water baptism and no application for today. That the Christian religion chooses to use this ritual is an error of understanding and biblical interpretation. The ritual provides no benefit for anyone.

- **In my name shall they cast out devils;**
 - The majority of Protestant religions do not acknowledge this part which is why they don't acknowledge Marks version of the Matthew 28 verse.
 - I've been to many and varied Protestant services and read my share of Protestant and Evangelical literature, and never witnessed, read about, or heard of an exorcism.
 - This is not for today and religion knows it. That is why they ignore Marks passage.
- **they shall speak with new tongues;**
 - Apart from the Pentecostal derivatives that began in 1901 AD, the majority of Protestantism has nothing to do with the practice of speaking in tongues. This is not valid today. Yet the balance of Protestantism carves out and accepts the Go Ye concept and ignores what they don't want to hear.

:18 They shall take up serpents;

- Apart from Paul in Acts 28, and some Kentucky churches that specialize in snake handling holiness, this is not a thing.
- **and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them;**
 - I have no doubt someone tried to start a religion based on this verse, but no one could make it through the communion service.
 - Religions would not expect this or any of these as required miracles today.
- **they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.**
 - Errant Charismatic offshoots began practicing the "laying-on of hands" in the 20th century, simply because it is stated in the Bible.
 - No one outside the post Apostolic period has ever been healed by such a practice
 - One televangelist would sell a plastic cut-out of his hand for \$29.99. You just place the cutout where it hurts and you can perform your own personal healing service.
 - Except for the Charismatic-type hucksters trying to make a buck, this is not a thing.

Most adherents of the Protestant evangelical religion will tell you they do not believe any of the above. And just as they would not believe the Mark version, neither should they believe Matthew 28 as a command for their religion today.

It is disingenuous to take one verse that you like (Matthew 28:19) and not connect the companion verse because you don't like what it says (Mark 16). It's just bad doctrine, bad theology, bad Bible study, bad religion, and certainly not for the Body of Christ, and not Pauline doctrine. It is a false Christian belief that is not a valid expression of biblical truth.

Note Studying the Bible, scripture always interprets scripture. Comparing the Matt 28 verses to Mark 16 is a responsible, prudent study practice. That the Christian religion does not connect the two passages demonstrates the flawed, cafeteria style pick-and-choose approach they employ to all things Bible. This can never yield the truth and has not for them from the inception of their religion.

Looking through the murky lens of Matthew 28:19 and the great commission that Christians believe they received from Jesus, influences the way these groups understand the rest of scripture. Once you leave the foundation of God's word for your own personal imaginings, things get out of hand quickly – and they have. Consider their other errant teachings on evangelism they made up to go along with their focus on Matthew 28:

- You must share the Gospel with everyone you meet
- God will hold you responsible for every missed opportunity you had to share the Gospel but did not (in this, they turn evangelizing into a law and works)
- The only reason your are on earth is to evangelize
- Evangelization must be your career, occupation, the focus of your life
- Evangelizing is the duty, requirement, obligation, and the mission of every born-again believer
- Our evangelization efforts will continue in heaven after we die
- Everyone should strive to have all the gifts of the Spirit

Not one of the above bullet points is true.

A well-known active preacher of today made the following statement:

The only reason God leaves us on this earth is to evangelize, to share our faith with the lost. Why else are we here? Otherwise, He could take us home right now. If we are not evangelizing and leading others to Christ, there would be no point to our life on earth. It is the single most important thing for here and now. We have work to do.

(If this is true, and our entire existence is to evangelize, why is there not one mention of this in the entire Bible? Not one word! In their fervor to follow their misunderstandings of the Bible, they just make things up to magnify their misguided belief system. Also, notice the “work” reference)

Never mind there is not one word anywhere in the Bible that even comes close to this nonsense. These statements are not biblical, nor are they supported by one word in the Bible. They are the Protestant's self-imposed view of God's Word in a personal, self-assigned mission they do not merit due to their ignorance of the Bible and their lacking God's Spirit.

Note Studying the Bible, scripture always interprets scripture. For the Matt 28 verses to say what these wayward religions believe they say, given the gravity of what these people think they mean, there would be numerous references throughout the New Testament repeatedly calling everyone to a mandatory, required ministry to “Go Ye”, telling them to evangelize and missionize the world. Instead - Zilch! There is

not one mention of any such thing anywhere in the Pauline or Hebrew epistles. These verses have a completely different meaning and context when compared to the faulty interpretations these groups preach. What these religions believe is a tradition of what someone once thought the Bible meant, embellished over the years. It is not biblical truth.

The dishonest part of all this is what they ignore: the Apostle Paul, because the words of God, sent into the world through the Apostle, are not to the liking of this religion, because they do not fit their made-up agenda.

Forsaking Paul that Christ sent to the Gentiles with Gods message to the Gentile world, and majoring on the four Jewish Gospels about the Jews that have nothing to do with the Gentiles, the result is a misunderstood, complicated, conflicting, confusing, frustrating, mish-mash of dogma that has no connection to biblical truth. From there the dominos keep falling with one flub after another, each verse taken out of context, predicated on, and filtered through their chosen life verse, and it taken badly out of context. Finally, the only way this false religion can deal with the tangle of Bible text they created is in isolated pieces, disconnected from the rest of Scripture, where every verse is its own franchise and can mean whatever they say it means. Matthew 28:19 is just one of many examples.

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