



# Great Commission: Part 3

Teaching Them to Observe All I Commanded You

Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <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.”

# Teaching & The Torah

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decision; direction,  
instruction

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Deuteronomy 33:10 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> They shall teach Jacob your rules  
and Israel your law;

they shall put incense before you

and whole burnt offerings on your altar.

2 Chronicles 15:3–4 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> For a long time Israel was without the true God,  
and **without a teaching priest and without law,**

<sup>4</sup> but when in their distress they turned to the  
LORD, the God of Israel, and sought him, he was  
found by them.

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Ezra 7:10 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the LORD, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.

Despite the polemical cast of the NT materials, certain aspects of synagogues do come to the fore. The texts reveal first-century ce synagogues to be places devoted to prayer, reading of scripture, and teaching of Torah and places where regular worship was held on the Sabbath.

\*Saldarini, A. J., & Powell, M. A. (2011). synagogue. In M. A. Powell (Ed.), *The HarperCollins Bible Dictionary (Revised and Updated)* (Third Edition, p. 1002). New York: HarperCollins.

John 13:13 (ESV)

**13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.**

Mark 10:17 (ESV)

**17** And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Mark 1:27 (ESV)

**27** And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”

# Christ the Teacher

διδάσκω

didaskō teach; instruct

Jesus is our great High  
Priest & our great  
Teacher

(Hebrews 7-8)

Ephesians 4:11–12 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, **the shepherds and teachers**, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, **a royal priesthood**, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, **that you may proclaim the excellencies of him** who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

We are now  
called to teach

Not all are called to be  
formal oral teachers in  
the church

**But all who are priests  
in Christ will be  
teachers in their  
conduct and their  
confession of him – to  
the lost & to new  
disciples**

Application:

Are we doing this?

# Are we making people wet or making disciples?

Baptism is only the beginning of our walk with Christ!

Teaching must take place before and after!

We agree with that...but what are we doing???

1 Corinthians 1:17 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Acts 2:41–42 (ESV)

<sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

<sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

# Teaching All Involves All

Teaching of course is not just verbal instruction...but also demonstration, time spent together, etc.

Some teaching others cannot do completely:

Marriage

Eldership

Parenting

Ephesians 4:15–16 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, **when each part is working properly, makes the body grow** so that it builds itself up in love.

Titus 2:3–5 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, <sup>4</sup> and **so train the young women to love their husbands and children**, <sup>5</sup> to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

Hebrews 12:7–11 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup> If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup> Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup> For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup> For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.