

The Church & the Great Commission

Intro: Great Commission Weekend Next Weekend – Neal Pirollo, ‘Serving as Senders’

* Assumption that the Church knows its role in fulfilling the great commission – Don’t want to assume!

The beginning of the Church

Matthew 16:13-18 18. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church (ekklesia), and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. (Gathering/citizens/called out/homes/gather)

Growth of the Church - Through the Great Commission” is “The Church’s Great Mission”

Matthew 28:18–20 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the...

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

Luke 24:44–48 47 repentance/remission/sins should be preached in His name/nations, beginning/Jerusalem.

John 20:21 So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Jerusalem (1st Sending Church)

Acts 2:1-41 – Jerusalem (3,000)

Acts 2:47 ... And the Lord added to the church (ekklesia) daily those who were being saved.

Acts 6:1 & 7 - Multiplied

Acts 8:1 (NKJV) — 1 Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. (Stayed in Jerusalem)

Saul’s Conversion & Commission

Acts 9:15 – To the Gentiles

Acts 9:31 - Departure

Acts 9:31 Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And...

Judea (Sent/Went From Church in Jerusalem)

Acts 9:32-35 – Peter to Lydda/Sharon

Acts 9:36-43 – Peter to Joppa

Samaria (Sent/Went from Church in Jerusalem)

Acts 8:4-8 – Philip goes down to Samaria

Acts 8:14-25 – Peter & John go down to check this out

Ends of the Earth (2nd Sending Church)

Acts 13:1 - Now in the church that was at Antioch...

Acts 13:2 - “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” (**Acts 9:15**)

Acts 13:3 - then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

Acts 13-14 – Paul’s 1st Missionary Journey (Sent/Went from 2nd Sending Church)

Acts 13:27-39 – **Gospel Message at Antioch/Pisidia** –

* Sorcery/Cyprus, Greek & Roman Gods/Lystra

Acts 14:23 - So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting...

Acts 14:26 – Sailed/Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace/God/work which/completed.

Acts 15:40-41 – Paul’s 2nd Missionary Journey (Sent/Went from Sending Church) – Strengthened Churches

* Jail/Philippi/Jailer, Persecution/Thessalonica, Philosophers/Athens; Dealing/Debauchery/Corinth

Acts 18:22 ... when he had landed/Caesarea, and gone up and greeted the church, he went down to Antioch.

Acts 18:23 – Paul’s 3rd Missionary Journey – Ephesus/Diana

Acts 20:17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.

Exhortations to the Church(es)

Romans 1:8 (NKJV) — 8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

1 Thessalonians 1:8 For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.

Colossians 4:12 (NKJV) — 12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

2 Timothy 4:13 (NKJV) — 13 Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you come—and the books, especially the parchments.

Philippians 4:15–16 (NKJV) — 15 Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.

16 For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities.

Philippians 4:18 (NKJV) — 18 Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.

1 Thessalonians 5:25 (NKJV) — 25 Brethren, pray for us.

Philippians 1:19 (NKJV) — 19 For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

Conclusion – The Great Commission is the Church’s Great Mission!

Romans 10:14-15 – Sending/Going