

## **The Heart Beat of Our Mission**

Matthew 28:18-20

Is His Great Commission your great obsession? Is the heart of Jesus Christ beating in you? When His heart beats in your chest, the biggest thing in your life will be to honor Him, and you'll have the same passion for the gospel that He has. Consider with me what some have called the four universals of the Great Commission.

### **All Authority: The Power for Our Mission**

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore..." (Matthew 28:18-19). The power for our mission is His authority. The word translated authority here is the Greek term *exousia*. It means "to have permission." The word also can be translated "power or right." It means "the right and the power to make something happen."

### **All Nations: The People of Our Mission**

Based on the authority Jesus has given us, He commands: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..." (Matthew 28:19). Jesus loves people so much that He died on the cross for them and rose from the grave for them. Then He sent you and me to them with His gospel. Do you love people enough to go?

### **All Things: The Process of Our Mission**

What's the process of making disciples? Jesus said the process involves "baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). Notice the two load-bearing words here: baptizing and teaching. These words show us that our mission is an event and a process.

### **Always: The Promise of Our Mission**

Matthew ends his Gospel with these words of Jesus: "and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' Amen" (Matthew 28:20). At the beginning of his Gospel, Matthew introduced the Lord Jesus as Immanuel, God with us (Matthew 1:23), and he concludes with the Lord's promise that He always would be with His disciples.

I pray that if God were to put His ear upon my chest or your chest that He would hear the heartbeat of His Son, beating to win the world to faith in Him.