The Great Commission

The Great Commission is a biblical mandate in Christianity, specifically found in the Gospel of Matthew (28:18-20), where the resurrected Jesus instructs his disciples to spread the gospel to all nations, making them his followers through baptism and teaching. This commission is understood as a call to evangelism and discipleship, urging believers to share their faith and help others become followers of Jesus.

Key aspects of the Great Commission:

**Making Disciples:**

This involves not just converting people to Christianity but also nurturing them in their faith, teaching them to obey Jesus's commands, and helping them become his followers.

**Baptism:**

A symbolic act of cleansing and identification with Christ's death and resurrection, often performed after conversion.

**Teaching:**

Disciples are instructed to be taught everything Jesus commanded, implying ongoing learning and growth in Christian faith and practice.

**Go:**

The commission emphasizes going out into the world to share the message, extending beyond local communities to reach all nations.

**All Nations:**

The commission is a universal call, not limited to specific regions or people groups.

**Jesus' Authority:**

The Great Commission is given with the understanding that Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth, giving his followers confidence and purpose.

**Jesus' Presence:**

The commission is accompanied by the promise that Jesus will be with his followers always, even to the end of the age.

The Great Commission is seen as a central aspect of Christian mission and continues to motivate missionary work and evangelism around the world.