Baptism in the Great Commission

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INTRODUCTION

- The instructions that were given down the chain of command pale in comparison to the instructions our Lord gave to these eleven men.
- It is great because, compared to its predecessor, it is unlimited in its scope, but it's also great because of what it accomplished.
- I want to talk about the role that baptism played in that great commission.

1 By Its Very Inclusion, Baptism Is of Unique Importance

Mark 16:16; 1 Corinthians 1:10–17; Ephesians 4:4–6

- By its very inclusion, baptism is of unique importance. To argue otherwise is to diminish the importance of this commission itself.
- It is not only included, but it is singled out and separated, that it in the eyes of God holds ultimate importance.
- Paul says baptism's important, yes, but not the one who physically administered it.
- Baptism is so important that it's in the most exclusive company. The body of Christ and Christ's crucifixion.
- Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?
- One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in you all.

2 Baptizing Them Into the Name Of

Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:3–4; Galatians 3

- We understand that the name intrinsically is related to the person himself.
- When it says baptizing him into the name of the Father, it's baptizing him into the Father.
- It puts us into an ownership relationship with God in Christ Jesus.
- As many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
- We were buried with him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

3 Baptism Becomes a New Condition

Romans 10:9

- The baptism of the Great Commission was a new condition.
- Even John's baptism, which was a baptism for the remission of sins, even John's baptism was not into the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- The faith of the Great Commission is new because it is faith in Jesus Christ.

- If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- We recognize the importance, the absolute importance of faith to the relationship of God and Jesus Christ. Let us also recognize the importance of baptism to that relationship.

4 Make Disciples

Matthew 28:19

- The word disciples just simply means a follower.
- It's not up to us to decide what's important.
- We were called to be disciples. And a disciple simply says, speak, for your servant hears.
- Is it my job to simply say, Yes, Lord?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **They heard the message and they obeyed it. That's our responsibility is to preach the message and obey it.**

MY NOTES