

OBEYING CHRIST'S COMMISSION ...AND THE NUMBER ONE WAY TO FAIL AT IT

*"That good thing which was committed unto thee keep
by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us. "*

~ 2 Timothy 1:14

1. Introduction

- a. Commission *def.* that which is committed & entrusted to do; mandate, charge
- b. When churches want their people to obey – they have a revival, invite an evangelist
- c. The number one way people fail at God's great commission is a failure to identify it
- d. Most Christians agree we need to do it, but don't know what it is

2. Wrong Commissions to the Church

- a. A commission to the twelve that excludes you - Matthew 10:5-7
- b. A silent commission about his death (rejected) - Matthew 16:18-23
- c. The so-called great commission includes baptism and law keeping – Matt 28:18-20
- d. A gospel without grace - baptismal salvation and miraculous signs - Mark 16:15-20
- e. Beginning at Jerusalem, Jerusalem first! Wait for power – Luke 24:44-49
- f. The power to forgive sins and breathing the Holy Ghost - John 20:19-23
- g. Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, then uttermost part of the earth – Acts 1:8, but Act 8:1
- h. The commissions of Matt-John have a great omission of preaching the cross

3. Christ's Grace Commission

- a. A gospel committed unto Paul – 1 Cor 9:17; Gal 2:7, 1 Tim 1:11, Titus 1:3
- b. A gospel delivered which he also received – 1 Cor 15:1-4; Gal 1:11
- c. *"given to us the ministry of reconciliation"* - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- d. A dispensation of the grace of God given me to you-ward – Eph 3:2 + Eph 3:8-9
- e. Our commission requires preaching the gospel – 1 Cor 1:17-21; 2:2
- f. Our commandment is to preach the mystery of Christ known to all nations – Ro16:25-27
- g. Our grace commission pervades all we do or don't

4. How to Succeed

- a. Identify it – All the effort in the world is vain if we fail to identify what God commits to us
- b. Get equipped – Study to be a *workmen*; do you have the right heart, the right tools
- c. Do it – Be a brick in the ministry that obeys Christ's great grace commission
- d. Keep it – Faithful to keep it – 2 Tim 2:2, 2 Tim 1:13-14; 1 Tim 1:18-20; 1 Tim 6:20
 - i. Church leaders need to be able to hold fast with a pure conscience – 1 Tim 3:9
 - ii. A sure way to fail at Christ's commission is to compromise the doctrine – 1Ti 1:3