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## *The Gospel, You and Me* Sunday, April 10, 2016

### Mathew 28:16-20 NIV

#### ***The Great Commission***

<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> ***Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them*** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and ***teaching them to obey everything I have commanded*** you. And surely ***I am with you always, to the very end of the age.***"

### Acts 1:1-11 NIV

#### ***Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven***

<sup>1</sup> In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup> For John baptized with <sup>a</sup> water, but in a few days ***you will be baptized with <sup>b</sup> the Holy Spirit.***"

<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them: "It is ***not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set*** by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; ***and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.***"

<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.

<sup>11</sup> "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, ***will come back in the same way you have seen him go*** into heaven."

The word ***gospel*** derives from the Old English *gōd-spell* <sup>[6]</sup> (rarely *godspel*), meaning "good news" or "glad tidings", and is a calque (word-for-word translation) of the Greek word εὐαγγέλιον, *euangelion* (*eu-* "good", *-angelion* "message") or in Aramaic (ܐܘܢܓܠܝܐ *ewang'eliyawn*). <sup>[4]</sup> The gospel was considered the "good news" of the coming Kingdom of Messiah, and of redemption through the life and death and resurrection of Jesus, the central Christian message. <sup>[7]</sup> The Greek word *euangelion* is also the source (via Latinised *evangelium*) of the terms "evangelist" and "evangelism" in English. The authors of the four canonical Christian gospels are known as the Four Evangelists. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gospel>

### **Go & Make Disciples**

- Go...
- Make (produce)
- Disciples – True devoted followers of Jesus that we honour and obey Him in everything
  - Farm example – servant of all... living for the greater purpose of God & others
  - Seed, plow, feed, clean up manure, protect, develop, harvest, celebrate

### **Baptize Them**

- A public recognized proclaiming of their faith and new life in Christ with a renunciation of the devil's hold on their lives.
- Should be done publically (so as to testify before God, the spirit world and people)

- Should be done with or by a recognized Christian leader/pastor for verification (letters of legitimacy) and further mentoring

### **Teach Them to Obey Everything Jesus Commands Them to do**

- Honour authority (parents, employers/boss, government, leaders, pastors, etc.)
- Love and be faithful to their spouse and children
- Read and apply God's word the Bible
- Spend time with the Lord in prayer and communion
- Pay their taxes, their bills
- Become obedient to tithes and offerings - generous in giving to others (break the power of money over their lives)
- Honour commitments and their word – don't lie
- Learn to overcome the flesh (lust, pride, greed, idolatry, lying, gossip, rage, mistrust, insecurity, etc.)
- Become a servant of others and Christ's church – serving those in need, faithful in gathering together for worship, loving each other, helping each other, etc.

### **Empowerment of the Spirit**

- As believers we are **ministers of reconciliation 2 Corinthians 5:18-20** <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And **he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.** <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.
- It's not just helping to change people's minds – It's awakening a spiritually dead person to the life that there is in Jesus! We need the anointing power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Where?**

- God will typically place a passion on your heart for an area (subject to change... He is God after all)
- Locally
- Regionally
- Nationally
- Abroad

### **Salvation Prayer (to ask God to forgive your sins and adopt you as His child):**

"Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for taking my place by dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Saviour and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sin and giving me eternal life. I ask that You lead, teach and fill me with the Holy Spirit. Change me into a person who represents you well, in Jesus name, amen."

## **Announcements: [www.hopecommunitysite.com](http://www.hopecommunitysite.com) 705-812-2833**

**Morning Prayer** Monday to Friday 9 to 10 am at the church

**Woman's Walking/Exercise Group** – Mondays 7:00 pm at the church

**Kid's Tuesday Afterschool Program** – 3:30 to 5:00 pm - gym games, snack, encouragement & friendship

**Mom's Hangout** – Wednesdays 10-11:30 am... A time for Moms and kid's to hang out and get to know each other.

**God Squad Jr. High:** Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Students grades 6-8 are invited to this great program.

**Sr. High Youth:** Thursdays: 7:30 to 8:45 pm. Students grades 9-12

**Good Food Box** – Orders on the first Monday of each month from 3-6 pm and pick up on the third Wednesday of each month from 3-6 pm. Fresh Fruit and Vegetables... Small box \$10, Large box \$15

**Communion Lunch Service – First Sunday of each month** Service (10:00 am) of each month as part of the morning service. Invite a friend and bring food to share in this pot luck style meal.

**GBA Ignite – Prayer Conference with Pastor Mike Knoll**

- Saturday, April 23, 9:30-3:00 here at HOPE Community
- Free conference with first 35 people getting a free copy of Tim Keller's book entitled *Prayer*

**Heaven's Gates & Hell's Flames Presentation – Calvary Pentecostal Church Orillia**

- A live performance designed to introduce people to the gospel, heaven and hell
- Sat. April 23 – 7 pm, Sun. April 24 – 10:30 am, Sun. April 24 – 7 pm

**Set Apart Men's Conference @ First Baptist Church Orillia – April 29-30**

- Men's conference with great teaching... [www.firstbaptistorillia.org](http://www.firstbaptistorillia.org)

**Brian Thomson Ministry Weekend at HOPE Community – June 4 & 5... [www.brianthomson.com](http://www.brianthomson.com)**

- Saturday 12:30–3:30 pm at the church... Training on "**Developing a Heart for Others**" as we learn to share our faith and see the opportunities of mission and ministry around us.
- Sunday Morning 10 am, Brian will be our guest speaker.