

God's Plan for Saving Man

LESSON FOUR -THE NEW COVENANT AND THE GREAT COMMISSION

TEXT: Mark 16:15-16

INTRODUCTION:

- A. JESUS GAVE 2 COMMISSIONS - THE "LIMITED" & THE "GREAT."
- B. EACH HAD ITS OWN GOSPEL - THEME OF GOOD NEWS.
 - 1. To the Jews it was "good news" that the kingdom was at hand.
 - 2. To Jew & Gentile it was "good news" that Jesus died, was raised, and now rules over his kingdom.
- C. LET'S CONSIDER BOTH COMMISSIONS & THE GOSPEL OF EACH.

I. THE FIRST COMMISSION & ITS GOSPEL.

- A. JOHN THE BAPTIST CAME PREACHING THE KINGDOM WAS AT HAND (**Mat. 3:1-3 - John 1:6-8**).
- B. JESUS ALSO PREACHED THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM (**Mark 1:14-15; Mat. 4:17, 23**).
- C. LATER, JESUS SELECTED 12 MEN WHOM HE SENT WITH THE SAME MESSAGE (**Mat. 10:5-7**). TO THE JEWS ONLY - THE "LIMITED COMMISSION."
- D. THEN 70 OTHERS(**Luke 10:1-9**).
- E. **SUMMARY:** The Limited Commission was given to the apostles before his death, sending them to the Jews only, with the message of the approaching nearness of the kingdom, calling on them to repent in preparation for its appearance.

II. THE GREAT COMMISSION AND ITS GOSPEL.

- A. THE PROMISE TO ABRAHAM INCLUDED ALL NATIONS - THE COMMISSION AFTER HIS DEATH LIKE THE PROMISE INCLUDED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH, HENCE THE NAME, "THE GREAT COMMISSION."
- B. **Mat. 28:18-20.**
 - 1. All authority belongs to Jesus(**Acts 2:36**).
 - 2. Teach all nations(**John 6:44-45; Rom. 10:17**).
 - 3. Baptizing - how do you make a disciple?(**Acts 2:38**).
 - 4. Teaching them(**Acts 2:42**).
- C. **Mark 16:15-16.**
 - 1. Preach the gospel - good news(**1 Cor. 15:1-4**)Not the Kingdom.
 - 2. To the whole creation fulfilling **Gen. 12:3**.
 - 3. He that believeth & is baptized.
 - a. Believe what is taught(**Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:17**).
 - b. Baptism, obedience, the perfection of faith(**Jas. 2:24**)
 - 4. Shall be saved? Sins & consequences removed(**Acts 2:38**).
- D. **Luke 24:44-49.**
 - 1. Christ fulfilled the law & the prophets(**vs. 44**).
 - 2. His suffering & death for sins is the gospel.

3. Repentance & remission of sin preached in his name.
4. Apostles were witnesses(**vs. 48, Acts 1:8; 2:32**).
5. Abide in Jerusalem until the Spirit fell upon them (**vs. 47-49; Acts 1:4-8**).

E. **SUMMARY:** PREACH OR TEACH, GOSPEL, ALL NATIONS, JERUSALEM, POWER HOLY SPIRIT, BELIEVE & BAPTIZE, NAME OF JESUS, REMISSION OF SIN,SALVATION.