

THE CHURCH'S AND OUR PURPOSE IN A CONFUSED NATION

Matthew 28:18-20

Introduction:

1. We're living in uncertain times, but Jesus's purpose hasn't changed.
 2. Many churches and members have lost their way.
 3. Heb 13:8 – ***Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.***
 4. Strange doctrines have arisen, but Jesus hasn't changed.
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- I. **(v. 19a) MAKE DISCIPLES.**
 - A. As we are going, teach and preach the message of salvation.
 - B. I Corinthians 15:3-4 – ***For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.***

 - II. **(v. 19b) MARK DISCIPLES.**
 - A. We are to baptize into the church those who are saved.
 - B. Baptism identifies you as being serious about being saved.
 - C. Baptism means family exclusion & death in some countries.

 - III. **(v. 20a) MATURE DISCIPLES.**
 - A. We are to teach new converts the milk & meat of the Bible.
 - B. I Peter 2:2 – ***As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the Word, that you may grow by it.***
 - C. I Corinthians 3:2 – ***I have fed you with milk and not with solid food; for to this time you were not able to bear it, neither yet now are you able.***
 - D. Ephesians 4:11-12 – ***And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry for the edifying of the body of Christ.***

Conclusion:

1. (v. 20b) Here is the Master's promise.
2. We can't claim, nor experience, His power nor promise until we live and serve according to His prescription.