

Matthew 28:19-20 Teaching and Training the Saved

Introduction: In the Great Commission Jesus gave three great assignments to His church: (1) To present the gospel to the unsaved, (2) baptize the saved, and (3) to teach and train those who are saved and baptized.

The word “teach” in verse 19 means “to make disciples.” The word “teach” in verse 20 means “to instruct, to explain, to indoctrinate.”

I. Jesus, taught by God the Father.

- A. It is hard for us to understand that Jesus would need to be taught.
 - 1. We tend to think that He always knew everything, even as a baby.
 - 2. There is a sense in which He did---as Spirit God.
 - 3. But when He was born, He was born into the body of an infant child.
 - 4. That body had the human brain of an infant child.
 - 5. He had to learn as any other child: (God chose to do it that way, Luke 2:52.)
- B. From the human point of view He had human teachers.
 - 1. He had Joseph and Mary in the home. (Joseph taught Him carpentry.)
 - 2. He had the Jewish rabbis in the synagogue. (They taught Him to memorize scripture.)
 - 3. He had aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers, sisters, friends.
- C. But Jesus had a teacher far superior to any earthly teacher.
 - 1. Jesus was taught by God the Father, John 12:49.
 - 2. This was from His first word to the last.
 - 3. Jesus was always obedient to the Father.

II. Jesus, the Master teacher.

- A. In His ministry Jesus called out a group of people who had been saved and baptized under John the Baptist and organized His church.
- B. Then He personally taught and trained those disciples.
 - 1. He taught them to believe the very truths that God the Father had taught Him.
 - 2. He taught them to do the things that would please God.

III. Jesus assigning the task of teaching to the church.

- A. In our text Jesus is about to leave the church and return to heaven. (He will no longer be around to teach the new converts.)
- B. Therefore Jesus assigned the church the task of teaching new converts.
- C. They are not to teach the philosophies of men, the doctrines of men, but the very things which Jesus had taught to them. (The things which God the Father had taught Him.)
- D. To aid the church in teaching these things Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit, John 16:13-15.
 - 1. The Holy Spirit would guide them in the truth.
 - 2. He would call to their minds the things they had been taught by Jesus.
 - 3. He would help them to understand those things.
- E. To further aid the church in teaching, God would inspire certain men to write down the truths which they had heard Jesus teach.
 - 1. The books which they would write would be compiled to form the New Testament and thus complete the Bible.
 - 2. This Book would be the textbook down thru the generations.
 - 3. It would enable true churches to teach the same truths which Jesus and His apostles taught.

4. If one only hears a truth he may become confused about it but by having it written down he can get straightened out.

IV. Some things for us to consider.

- A. We should consider what a church teaches is important.
 1. Some take great pride in their beautiful church facilities, but what does she teach about the Bible?
 2. Some consider the great recreational facilities, but does she teach the Word of God?
 3. Some consider the many activities and the youth program, but what does she teach.
- B. When we come to church we are not here just to put in the required amount of time.
 1. Some of us have the responsibility of teaching God's word. (Let us do so to the best of our ability with the prayer that God will bless our effort.)
 2. Some of us have come to learn. (All of us should, even us teachers. (Let us listen, and study, and pray, and learn.)
- C. We should seek to put into practice what we learn.
 1. A doctor does not study medicine and ignore what he has learned.
 2. A carpenter does not learn the skills of carpentry and then not use them when building.
 3. A Christian does not learn the things of God just so that he will be smarter than others.
 4. Christianity is not just something to learn; it is something to do.

V. Some suggestions.

- A. Come to church regularly. (You would not tolerate your child missing school for frivolous reasons.)
- B. Get in all the classes which are available to you. (You will never learn too much, What about the Sunday School, B.T.C., Wednesday night, auxiliary?)
- C. Read the textbook. (Study it daily; ask questions; memorize passages.)
- D. Pray. (Prayer is no substitute for Bible study, but it can help you to better understand.)
- E. Surrender. (Surrender to God to do the will of God whatever it may be.)
- F. If you fail to study God's word you will be an ignoramus and if you study but do not understand you will be wrong, but if you understand and do not do you will be foolish. (Like one looking in a mirror at his dirty face and not washing.)
- G. If God thru the church calls upon you to teach His Word, count it as an honor and do a good job. (A church cannot function properly without good teachers. It is a vital part of the Great commission.)

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