



OVERCOMING OBSTACLES TO FINISH YOUR MISSION

1. **Every** follower of Jesus is to be involved in “seeking first the Kingdom of God.”
2. Our New Testament examples gave their **all** to **fulfill** the great commission.
3. The great commission is **more** than a few verses in the Bible. It is the **mandate** for every child of God.
4. What we call the great commission is given in **all 4 gospels** and again in **Acts**. The rest of the New Testament is founded upon the understanding that God wants everyone saved and we are assigned to make that happen. (Not just decisions but disciples)

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV) ¹⁸ *And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to*

observe (Watch and obey) all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Mark 16:15-18 (ESV) ¹⁵ *And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”*

Luke 24:44-49 (ESV) ⁴⁴ *Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations,*

beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

John 20:21-23 (ESV) ²¹ *Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”*

Acts 1:8 (ESV) *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

1. The mission of the church is to proclaim **repentance** and **forgiveness** of **sins in the name of Jesus**.

2. The **Bible** is the source for our mission.

A we are not allowed to make up our message

b. WE cannot understand God's word without His enablement

3. The **work of Jesus on the cross** is the subject of our mission.

The work of Christ on the cross demands that we repent

4. The **entire world** is the **aim** of our mission.

5. The **Holy Spirit** is the **power** for our mission.

Missions is more than a part of the church's function.

Missions is the purpose of the Church.