



So Send I You

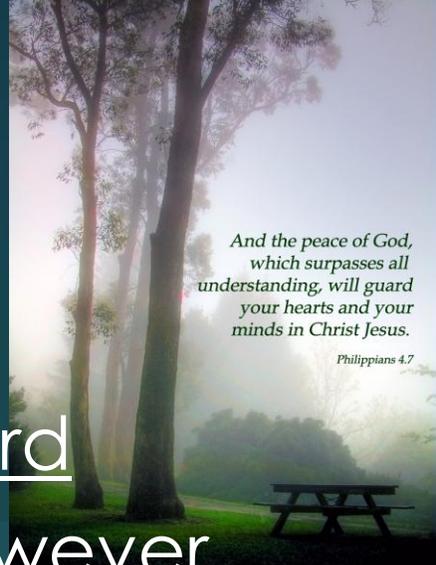
The Great Commission

JOHN 20:19-23

- ▶ The New Testament church has one guiding **mission** (the Great Commission) and one guiding **principle** (the Greatest Commandment)
- ▶ Everything we plan and do should fall in line with the one mission and according to this one principle. Everything else should be supportive to it
- ▶ Interestingly there are 5 versions of the Great Commission—Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20, and Acts 1. Each of them **supplement** each other, but with a specific **focus**
- ▶ We shall examine the Great Commission in John today

Peace Be To You (20:19, 21, 26)

- ▶ Interestingly Jesus started each visit with the standard Hebrew greeting. This was no standard courtesy however. The Son of God could say anything at these occasions, yet He repeated Himself 3 times. (as John recorded it)
- ▶ Why **Peace**? No doubt there was **fear** among the disciples (Luke 24:37) But are there other reasons?
- ▶ “Peace” is a theme in Jesus’ teaching, especially in His **last sermon** (John 14:27; 16:33)



Peace With God



- ▶ Why **peace**? Put it this way: can you go to the ends of world to share the gospel without peace with Christ?
- ▶ (Rom. 5:1) Peace with God is the result of what Jesus has done for them and for us on the cross (also Eph. 2:13-18)
- ▶ (Eph. 2:14) Notice: Jesus DID NOT give us a gift called peace. He gave us HIMSELF, which IS peace. This is ***peace with God***
- ▶ (Phil. 4:7; Col. 3:15) Is the peace of Christ ruling and guarding your heart? If not, are you walking WITH Christ?

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- ▶ Unique to John: the **manner** in which we are sent—like Jesus
- ▶ Jesus was sent in **human form** (Phil. 2:6-8) with all the **weakness** as a man, so are we.
- ▶ On the other hand, He was sent with the **Holy Spirit** (Matt. 1:20; 3:16) and so are we (Eph. 1:13; 3:16) He goes with us (Matt. 28:19-20) we are NEVER alone
- ▶ Jesus was sent with the **Word of God** (John 17:8-14)
- ▶ Notice, we are not Christ, but we **share** much in how Jesus was sent, along with His attributes

God is Greater



- ▶ Why is it important to know **how** we are sent by God?
- ▶ We are sent into a dangerous world (Matt. 10:40)
- ▶ Therefore, we must **know** that our God is greater (1 John 4:1-4)
- ▶ And we can have God's **wisdom** so long as we ask (James 1:5). But do you ask?
- ▶ This is also why in Jesus there is peace, and without Him we cannot do anything (John 15:1-4)
- ▶ If we are sent by God, then we must **go with God**

If We Are Sent...



- ▶ However, If we are sent, then we must **go**
- ▶ So long as we have **neighbours**, we have no excuse
- ▶ Not just “what would Jesus do”, but rather “**how would Jesus go**”, so we shall go in the same manner
- ▶ Each one of us can go **love** someone today
- ▶ God is not seeking only experts to serve Him (2 Cor. 12:9-10) we all can go tell others how much God loves us and love our neighbor today and every day.