



THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH

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THE GREAT COMMISSION

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *Mark 16:14-20*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

Our resurrected and glorified Lord Jesus Christ appeared unto the eleven disciples and commissioned and ordained them in His service to preach the same gospel that He preached on the shores of Galilee: the Gospel of the Kingdom of God (*Mark 1:14-15*).

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you (Luke 10:19).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. The soul is of great value. Jesus said what profit a man should he gain the whole world and lose his soul. Therefore, that great commission was to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God to every creature throughout the entire world. For the Lord is not willing for any to perish (*Mark 16:15; Luke 19:10*).
2. Jesus died on the cross of Calvary for one and all. He that believes on Him and is baptized by immersion in His name shall be saved. He that believes not remains under the sentence of condemnation. Baptism is essential to salvation (*Mark 16:15-16; John 3:5, 14-18; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21*).
3. One's salvation, as well as the healing of one's spirit, soul, and body is invested in the mighty name of Jesus, the one and only true and living God (*Mark 16:17-18; Acts 2:38, 4:12*).
4. The believer's victory over all the dark forces of the enemy and the gift of the Holy Spirit comes to us through and by calling upon the name of Jesus. Invested in that holy name is the authority and power of God (*Matthew 28:18; Mark 16:17-18; Colossians 3:17*).

BACKGROUND SETTING:

Our risen and glorified Savior appeared to His eleven disciples, as they sat at meat and upbraided (scold) them for their unbelief. They were slow in heart to believe all that was written of Him by the prophets (*Luke 24:45-49*). Then He gave them the great commission and ordained them, calling them into His service (*Mark 16:15*).

LESSON SUMMARY:

We, at the Apostolic Faith Church here in Hawaii and the Philippines, are also called and are part of this great commission (*1 Corinthians 12:12-14*). The Lord said that the Headquarters of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God for the whole world is right here in the Hawaiian Islands. This gospel work is moving on to greater heights and greater victories through the power of God's Holy Spirit (*Mark 16:20*). The Lord working in all, and through all, confirming with signs following.

Through the internet and T.V. ministry the name of Jesus is being lifted up and glorified as we stand in one heart, mind, purpose, and in prayer. The Lord will go before us and make the crooked paths straight, and will accomplish the work. "*And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come*" (*Matthew 24:14*).

Our resurrected Lord ascended into heaven and now sits at the right hand of God, meaning the right hand of power (*Mark 16:19*); having preeminence over all that is in heaven and in Earth. Angels, authorities and powers are subject unto Him (*Colossians 1:15-19; 1 Peter 3:22*). "*For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily*" (*Colossians 2:9*). When the work on Earth is done, He will return and our prayer is "Lord, come quickly."

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