



Select Readings on
*The Great
Commission*

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The commission to the twelve was not from heaven, nor consequently immediately connected with heaven, but from Galilee, and a commission to baptize the nations into connection with an accepted remnant of Jews on earth – not to bring Jew and Gentile into the Body in an ascended Christ, which was Paul’s commission especially, preaching with reconciliation from heaven to every creature under it.

Letters of J.N. Darby Vol. II

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Mark’s Gospel, like Matthew’s and Luke’s, is primarily a Kingdom book and I am satisfied that none of them contains the church’s marching orders – not even the so-called “Great Commission” of Matthew 28:18-20 ...

This we would call the “Kingdom Commission.” Of course, we are well aware that it is often spoken of as the “Great Commission” of the Church, but we are convinced that this is an error. It would be a strange thing to find the church’s commission in the Kingdom Gospel ...

The commission on Matthew 28:19-20 instructs the eleven to teach them “to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.” Not some things, but all things. The things that Jesus commanded were given while He was a minister of the circumcision. The apostles chosen by the descended Christ had a ministry which differed from the apostles of the ascended Christ.

Bible Questions Answered

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This is the Kingdom Commission ... A time is coming when this great commission here will be carried out by a remnant of Jewish disciples, who are expressed by the eleven. It is the same remnant as in Matthew 24.

Gospel of Matthew, Vol. 2

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This is the Kingdom Commission, as another expresses it and not the Christian Commission ... It points to the close of the age when the commission will be carried out by the faithful remnant of the Jews so often spoken about. It has not yet been carried out. The story of the Acts is not its fulfillment.

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