

What Is My Consuming Passion?  
(Fulfill the Mission of King Jesus)

Matthew 28:18-20

Introduction:

- Last words meant to be lasting words.
- Great Commission appears in all 4 gospels and Acts:  
Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:44-53; John 20:21; Acts 1:8
- Hudson Taylor: “The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed. As SEBTS moved forward in service to King Jesus in this decade and beyond, we want Southern Baptist, the world to know 1) we are certain in our convictions and 2) we are clear on our mission!

I. We are certain in our convictions (Here we stand)

Two great declarations or promises bracket this text: (Power and Presence) embedded within those promises in our Lord’s sovereign Plan to evangelize the nations.

1) We recognize His sovereign power 28:18

- Absolute authority!
- Comprehensive authority!
- Abraham Kuyper, theologian and Prime Minister of the Netherlands:  
“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign overall, does not cry, Mine!”

- 2) We enjoy His sovereign presence 28:20
- Wherever we go and whatever we do, He is already there waiting on us.
- 3) We obey His sovereign plan 28:20
- Make disciples
  - Teach them to obey all His commands
  - In its simplest form:
- ❖ We love God (and others) Matthew 22:37-40
  - ❖ We love the truth (John 14:6) which ultimately is to love Jesus.

#### SIX SPECIFIC TRUTHS SEBTS WILL FOCUS ON

- 1) The inerrancy and sufficiency of Scripture.
  - Jesus' view of the Bible is our view of the Bible (Matt. 5:17-18; John 10:35; 17:17; Luke 24:25-27, 44-45)
- 1) The exclusivity of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5.
- 2) The centrality of penal substitution (and Christ's blood atonement)
  - 1) Paid our debt or penalty.
  - 2) Died in our place

3) Presbyterian church (USA) in summer 2013 dropped “In Christ Alone” in their new hymnal over the word “satisfied.” Wanted, “on the cross as Jesus died, the love of God was magnified,” not “the wrath of God was satisfied.”

3) The beauty of a biblical complementarian theology.

- The world is confused on this. The Bible is not! (Gen. 2:18)
- “Equal before God as persons and distinct in their manhood and womanhood” (Gen. 1:26-27)” (Danvers).
- Equal in essence but different in function /assignment.

4) The importance of the local church.

- It is His body, building and bride.
- Cannot love Christ rightly without loving and serving His Church passionately.

5) The inherent and eternal value of every human as designed and made by God.

- Abortion
- Racism
- Poverty
- Health issues
- Gender confusion

(Need grace and truth like Jesus!)

II. We are clear on our mission (There we go)

- One command (“make disciples”)
- Three orbiting participles
- All receive force of a command
- See 16:26 (“Gain all but forfeit your soul” haunts me in our current context).

1) We go and make disciples 28:19

See 16:24 [deny self, cross, follow me]

See Mark 10:42-45 [servants and slaves]

2) We go and baptize disciples 28:19

3) We go and teach disciples 28:20

Specific Focus:

❖ We love the whole world

- Vision of Rev. 5-7
- Every tribe, tongue, people, and nation
- Worship the same Father, adore the same Savior and are indwelt by the same Spirit.

❖ We love all the churches

- Not always easy in the SBC!

- Absolutely essential if we are following Jesus.
- We make disciples who multiply among the *ethne*.
- We serve churches who multiply among the *ethne*.
  - 1) GO! 2) “We are a Great Commission Seminary” 3) “SEBTS seeks to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ by equipping students to serve the church and fulfill the Great Commission.”
  - 2) Piper: “If you love the glory of God, you cannot be indifferent to missions. This is the ultimate reason Jesus Christ came into the world” (LNBG, 208).
- THIS IS WHO WE ARE!  
Certain in our convictions (stand)
- THIS IS WHAT WE DO!  
Clear on our mission (go)