

THE BEGINNING OF DISCIPLESHIP

"Go make disciples." TEACH

God calls the lost through teaching. John 6:44-45; Romans 10:8-13, 14-17; Note:Acts 16:9-10

Make disciples by gospel preaching. Acts 2:14, 22, 36, 40; 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Preaching saves believers. I Corinthians 1:21; Romans 10:14-17

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Acts 2:42, "And they continued stedfastly in the abostles' **teaching** and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers."

Acts 5:25, "And there came one and told them, Behold, the men whom ye put in the prison are in the temple standing and teaching the people."

Acts 5:28, "... saying, We strictly charged you not to teach in this name: and behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your **teaching**, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us."

Acts 13:12, "Then the proconsul, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the **teaching** of the Lord."

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• Choice of masters (disciple). Acts 11:26,21 ("Lord"), 23.

• Choice of conduct. cf. I Peter 4:1-5.

Repentance Must Occur. Acts 11:18.

Radical change in life because:

-Die to sin. Galatians 2:20

Choice. cf. Romans 6:16-18



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Acts 15:35, "But Paul and Barnabas tarried in Antioch, **teaching** and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also."

Acts 17:19, "And they took hold of him, and brought him unto the Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new **teaching** is, which is spoken by thee?"

Acts 18:11, "And he dwelt (there) a year and six months, **teaching** the word of God among them."

Acts 20:20, "... how I shrank not from declaring unto you anything that was profitable, and **teaching** you publicly, and from house to house" (cf. 19:8ff, 20)

Acts 28:31, "preaching the kingdom of God, and **teaching** the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, none forbidding him."

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TEACH – Disciples are NOT made by the gospels of men: cf. Matthew 15:7-9

I. <u>Social gospel</u>: Converted to recreation and social activities.

2. <u>Ecumenical gospel</u>: Unity in moral and doctrinal diversity is sin. (**Galatians 1:8-9; 2 John 9-11**)

3. <u>Denominational gospels</u>: Faith only, universalism, etc.

4. <u>Latter-day gospels</u>: LDS, JW's, Adventists, Premillennial, etc.

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Water baptism is essential:

- For a relationship with God. Matthew 28:19 (Galatians 3:27)
- For salvation. Mark 16:16; (1 Peter 3:21)
- For remission of sins. Acts 2:38
- For cleansing. Acts 22:16; Ephesians 5:26
- For new life in Christ. Romans 6:3-4

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ARE YOU A DISCIPLE?

- One who **seeks** to be like Christ.
- One who **abides** in His word.
- One who **loves** the brethren.
- One who **bears** much fruit.
- One who **puts Jesus first**, no matter the cost.
- One who **enjoys the blessings** and **shares in the responsibilities** of being in Christ.

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"<u>Go make disciples</u>." **TEACHING THEM** (Those you have baptized)

- Bible teaching and learning is to a new Christian what milk is to a new baby.
- I Peter 2:2; cf.Acts 2:41, 46; 5:12, 42

• God measures spiritual strength and maturity by our interest in, our commitment to, and our growth in learning and living God's word. Hebrews 5:11-12.

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