**God’s Great Plan (Discipleship)** **Jer. 29:11; Mt. 29:18-20**

**Guided Growth with Pastor Keith @ CBC , Sunday, Oct. 29th**

**God’s Great Commission reveals His Great Passion and Plan!**

**1. Salvation: Mt 28:19 “Go and teach all nations” “Go …and Preach the gospel” Mk16:15**

 **A. Initiates a relationship with God. Jn 1:12; Gal. 4:4-6**

 **B. Enables the power/presence of God’s Spirit Gal. 4:6; Jn 16:13**

 **C. Translates us into God’s Kingdom. Col. 1:12-14**

**2. Baptism: “baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit” Mt. 29:19**

 **“baptizo” is used in every Biblical reference to Baptism! *“To immerse, make fully Wet.”***

 **“Sprinkle” (rhantizo) or “Poured” (ekche’ō) are never used in scripture of baptism.**

1. **Is an act of obedience! Mt. 10:32; 1 Peter 3:21 “the answer of a clear conscience toward God”**
2. **Identifies us with Jesus Death, Burial, and Resurrection! Romans 6:3-4**

**“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried (associated) with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”**

**3. Discipleship. Mt. 28:20 “Teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you.”**

 **Entellōmai’: from en: fixed position and telos: to set out for a definite point or goal!**

 **A. Discipleship involves Orientation**

 **1) Who we are (In Christ) 2 Cor. 5:17 “if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are**

 **passed away;** (aorist tense: actively perishing through neglect) **behold, all things are become new.”**

(Perfect tense: already done by God! 1 Jn. 3:1-3)

1. **Redeemed / *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** 2 Cor 5:18 **“all things are of God, who hath reconciled us (**Katallas’sō:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ changed!) **to himself by Jesus Christ,** **and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation”**

 **b) *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*Sons and daughters. (Jn 1:12; 2 Cor 6:18;** **Eph. 2:18,19)**

 **c) *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:* 2 Cor. 5:20 “now we are ambassadors for Christ.”**

 **d) Enemies of *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*! 1 Peter 5:8 “Your adversary the devil…”**

 **2) Where we are!**

 **a) In *enemy* territory! (1Jn 2:15; Eph. 6:10-18) 2 Tim. 2:3,4 “No man that warreth entangleth**

 **himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.”**

 **b) With others! Heb. 10:24-25; Eph 2:19 “Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but**

 **fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God” We’re not alone!**

 **B. Discipleship involves Education:**

 **1) Every Child must be fed & trained. 1 Pt 2:2**

 **2) Every “Citizen” must learn the Laws of the Land. (Phil. 3:20; Col. 1:13)**

 **3) Every Soldier must learn his responsibilities. (2 Tim. 2:1-4)**

 **4) Every Athlete must train to Win. 2 Tim. 2:5; 1 Cor. 9:24-27**

 **C. Discipleship involves *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*: 2 Chr. 12:14**

 **“Rehoboam did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the LORD.”**

**Conclusion: Mt 28:19 “Teaching them to observe all things Whatsoever I have commanded you.”**

**“Commanded” here is Entellōmai’: Which means to start out from a fixed position and set out for a definite goal!**

**God has some “definite” goals for you! Jer. 29:11 “to give you an expected end”**

**But you won’t just stumble upon them!**

**Christ’s “commands” are our road map to God’s path of Purpose and Peace! (Ps. 16:11; 119:165)**

 **“Sin” (hamartanō) literally means: “to miss the mark, and so not obtain the prize!”**

**Satan (the thief of Jn. 10:10) uses “sin” to distract us from God’s goals *(usually by pursuing our own)* so that we won’t “share the prize”.**

**He does this through:**

* **Conflict (Pressure/Persecution) Mt 13:20-21 “he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.”**
* **Carelessness (Passivity) God’s priorities are just not important to us! Acts 24:25**

**“as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.”**

* **Contamination/Clutter Mt 13:22 (Doctrinal Poison or Worldly Priorities)**

**“He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the**

**deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.”**

**Application: God’s Great Plan involves your:**

**Salvation: Responding to “the gospel!” *A Personal Relationship with Him.***

**Baptism: Public identification and Association with Him and His church.**

**Discipleship: Orientation/Education to enable you to grow in the**

 **“Grace and knowledge of our Lord” (2 Pt. 3:18)**

**Jesus warned that Satan as: “The thief comes to destroy, kill, and steal.”**

**What’s the “thief” using to rob you of God’s Great plan for your life?**

 ***Pressure/Persecution? Passivity? Misaligned Priorities?***

**Jesus reminds us that: “I am come that they might have life, and that more abundantly.”**

 **(Jn. 10:10) In vs 27 he tells us that:**

“**My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me!**

**And I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish!”**

**Will you purpose to “hear His voice?” (Pr. 3:5,6)**

 **Will you purpose to “Follow Him?”**