

Matthew 28:18-20 is the famous Great Commission passage!

And Jesus came and said to them, “**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.**”

Basically,

God has commanded & commissioned His people to:

Matthew 28

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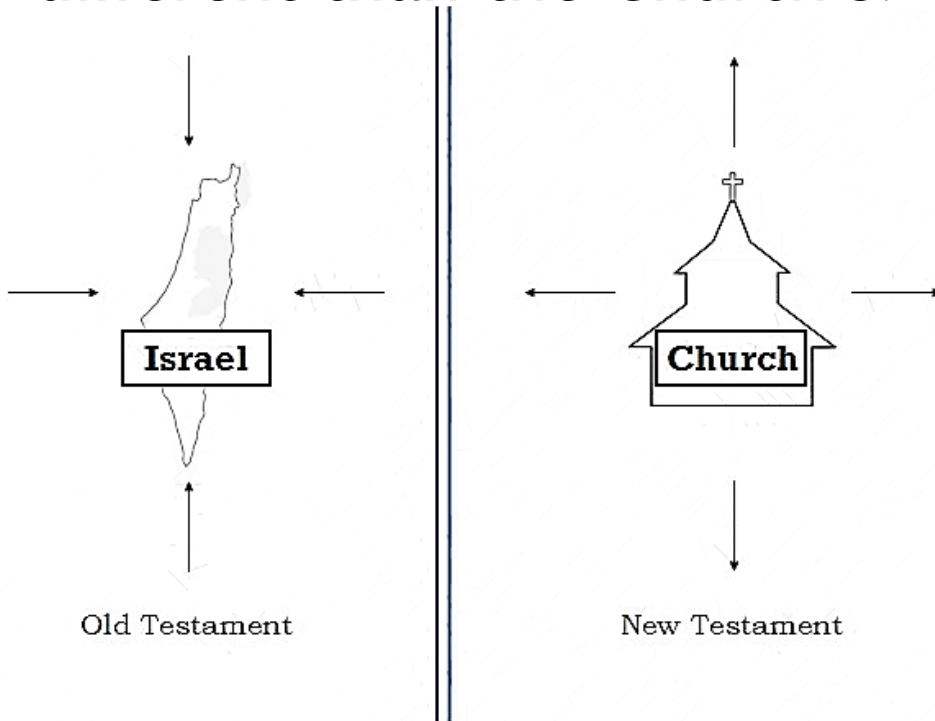
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Israel's design is for people to come to Israel (like a light that draws in or even a magnet).

Whereas the design of the Church is for all of us together to go out to the people.

Since fish rarely jump in the boat, we are the fisherman going out, baiting the hook, casting our lines, and reeling 'em in to get our catch!

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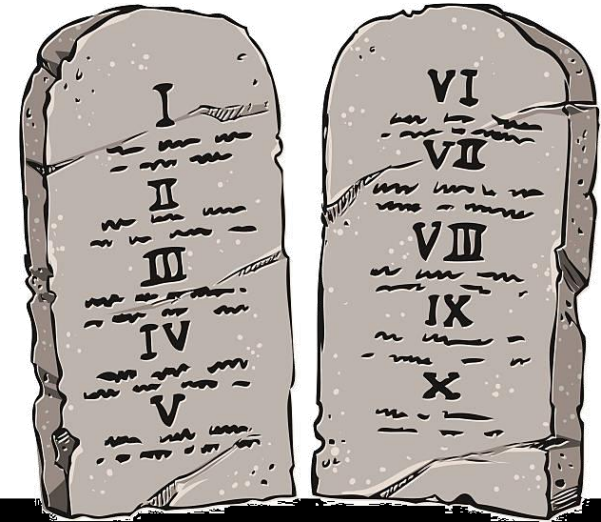
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2. Israel's functional design is different than the Church's.
3. Israel was predominantly bringing judgment whereas the Church is predominantly bringing salvation!

And the reason is because they lived under the time of the Law.

Meaning that Christ had not been crucified or resurrected yet! That Jesus had not yet sent His Holy Spirit of life into the world as He does now! That if you broke the Law...you died for your sins – **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

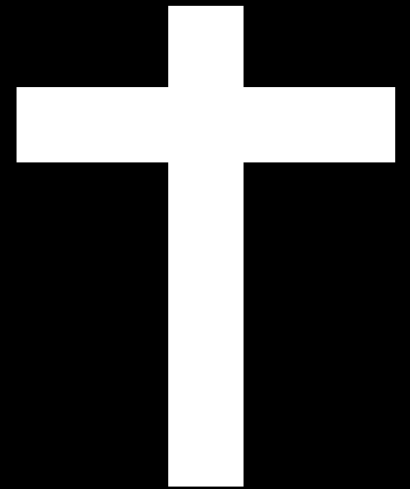
Living under the Law means that:

- There is no mercy!
- Everything is black and white!
- If you break it, you buy it (you accept & receive the consequences of your actions)!
- You will die in your sins!



Living under grace means that:

- Christ fulfilled the Law on your behalf.
- Christ died in your place as your substitute.
- Christ now offers grace, hope, mercy, freedom, and life to all who trust in Him.



In the **Old Testament**, all of the nations & people who were far from God received God's judgment!

In the **New Testament**, all of the nations & people who are far from God are able to receive God's grace!

What's the difference, you ask?

This: Jesus died & rose again...on your behalf!

Here's the point:

The **1st Great Commission** in Joshua resulted in death to all pagans, outsiders, and those disobedient to the Law.

The **2nd Great Commission** in Acts results in life to many pagans, outsiders, and disobedient people all over the world...

...because Jesus has stood in our place!

Like Rahab the prostitute...

(Joshua 2:1-21; 6:17, 22-25)

A • If we admit that we are sinners & deserve to die for our sins...

B • If we believe that Jesus has willingly died in our place so that we could live...

C • If we confess that Christ is *the* LORD & is *our* LORD...

...then we will be saved from the deserved judgment that will certainly come.

**And this is what characterizes
both Great Commissions...**

**...the fact that no matter who you are,
if you turn from your sins and come to
the LORD, you will be saved!**

How to Fulfill the First Great Commission...

...and What to do About the Second?



Joshua 1:1-18

1. Be CAREFUL & Courageous (1:1-9).
2. Be CONFIDENT & Contagious (1:10-15).
3. Be COMMITTED & Conscientious (1:16-18).

**The 1st Way to Fulfill a Great Commission
Like This is to...**

Be **CAREFUL** & Courageous (1:1-9).

Three times in these verses God commands Joshua to **“Be Courageous!”**

Joshua 1:6, 7, 9

Twice God commands Joshua to **“Be Careful!”**

Joshua 1:7, 8

You can choose to walk on one of two paths...

You can choose to live your life in & according to the Word of God – which will always bring you life!

Or you can choose to live any other way you want & according to whatever other system you desire – which will only ever bring you death!

...but it is your choice.

Joshua 1:7

Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the Law that Moses My servant commanded you. **Do not turn from it to the right hand or the left**, that you may have good success wherever you go.

NAMES ARE IMPORTANT

**They tell of your character & show the world who you are & what you are about.*

Joshua's Name Means – “The LORD is Salvation!”

My Name Means – “Crooked Nose!”

1 Samuel 25:25

[Abigail speaking to David] Let not my lord regard this worthless fellow, Nabal, for as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name, and folly is with him.

Basically,

His name means “fool.” And Nabal lived up to his name...in the worst way.

Be CAREFUL & Courageous (1:1-9).



**So that you
will have
good success!**



**Because I am
calling you to
do the
impossible!**

**The 2nd Way to Fulfill a Great Commission
Like This is to...**

Be **CONFIDENT** & Contagious (1:10-15).

“Go...into the land that I am giving to them...” [1:2]

“Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you...” [1:3]

[This land] “...shall be your territory.” [1:4]

“No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life...I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you.” [1:5]

“...for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.” [1:6]

[We are going to] “...go in to take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess.” (1:11)

“...The LORD your God is providing you a place of rest and will give you this land.” (1:13)

“...until the LORD gives rest to your brothers as He has to you, and they also take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and shall possess it...” (1:15)

Faith is...

**...taking & believing God at His
Word...personally!**

The major themes expressed in the book of Joshua are that...



God is...

Fighting Your Battles.
Fulfilling His Promises.
Faithful As Always!

JOSHUA

**The 3rd Way to Fulfill a Great Commission
Like This is to...**

Be **COMMITTED** & Conscientious (1:16-18).



Joshua 22:1-3

At that time Joshua summoned the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and said to them, “You have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you and have obeyed my voice in all that I have commanded you. You have not forsaken your brothers these many days, down to this day, but have been careful to keep the charge of the LORD your God....”

Conscientious

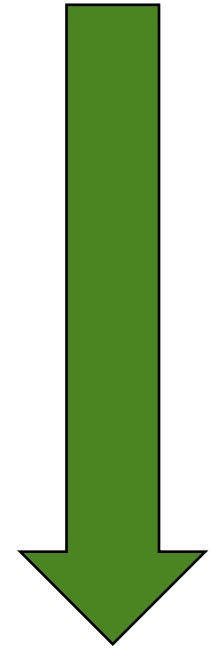
Definition: wishing to do what is right, especially to do one's work or duty well and thoroughly.

The Order of Events in Joshua 1:1-18

Vs. 1-9 God came & spoke directly to Joshua!

Vs. 10-15 Joshua went directly to the people with the Word God had spoken!

Vs. 16-18 The people responded in faith to the Word of God that Joshua brought to them!



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