

# God's Great Plan for His People Mt. 28:18-21

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Mt 28:19 *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things... I have commanded you."*

**This Great Commission reveals God's great plan and purpose!**

**1. Salvation:** Luke 19:10 *"The son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."*

Phil. 1:6 speaks of the *"fellowship (partnership) in the gospel"*

## A. Our Part: (As God's Messengers)

1) **Declaration!** Mk 16:15 *"Preach the gospel"* Acts 1:8 *"Ye shall be witnesses unto me..."*

Ro. 10:14 *"how can they believe on them in whom they have not heard? how can they hear without a preacher?"*

2) **Explanation.** *"teach all nations"* Mt. 28:19

a) The Meaning: mathēteu'ō (from mantha'nō) Help them to understand "the Gospel"

Acts 8:30-31 *"Understandest thou what thou readest? How can I, except some man should guide me?"*

## B. God's Part:

1) **Conviction.** Jn 16:8 *"He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:"*

2) **Illumination.** 2 Cor. 4:4,6 *"the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not... But God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts..."*

a) To those who will respond will experience:

(1) **Reconciliation.** 2 Cor. 5:19-21 *"God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself..."*

(2) **Adoption:** Ro 8:15-16 *"ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father..."*

(3) **Translation:** Col 1:13 *"God... hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and translated us (transferred) into the kingdom of his dear Son:"* (See 1 John 3:1-3)

b) Those who don't respond will experience:

Heb. 2:3 *"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"*

(1) **Rejection:** Mt 7:22-23 *"then will I profess unto them, I never knew you! depart from me"*

(2) **Condemnation:** John 3:17-18 *"he that believeth not is condemned already!"* (Mt. 25:41; Rev. 20:15)

**2. Baptism. Mt. 28:19** *"Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost"*

## A. What is baptism?

1) The Meaning: βαπτίζω (baptizo)

a) From a derivative of bapto; to make whelmed (1) To cover wholly; (2) To Dye or stain.

"Baptized" is found 89 times in the Bible and it is always the word "baptizo"!

*The Greek word Sprinkle is "rhantizo" (Heb. 9:13,19,21) and "Poured" is "ekche'ō" (Rev. 16)*

*These two words are never translated "baptized" in the Bible.*

Why did God consistently choose the word Baptizo in every one of the 89 references to Baptism?

2) The Biblical Method. (**Immersion**)

a) John the Baptist. John 3:23 *"John also was baptizing in Aenon, because there was much water there."*

Mark 1:5 *"Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to Him, and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River."*

- b) Jesus: Mt 3:14-17 *“comest thou to me? Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water...”*
- c) Ethiopian: Acts 8:38-39 *“they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water... the eunuch went on his way rejoicing.”*

## B. Why is Baptism important to God?

### 1) Baptism = Association/Identification.

a) Jesus was “associating” with his Father at his baptism. Mt 3:16-17

b) At Baptism, the early believers were associating with:

- (1) Jesus Acts 2:38 *“Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus...”* (see also Ro 6:3-4)
- (2) With His Church. Acts 2:41 *“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.”*

1 Cor 12:13-14, 27 *“by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body... For the body is not one member, but many... Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.”*

## Conclusion:

If the meaning and method Salvation and biblical baptism is so clear,  
why is there so much confusion?

*“God is not the author of confusion”* (1 Cor. 14:43)

## Application: Are you part of God’s Great Plan?

### ➤ Have you responded to His Salvation?

- 1) *Has God Brought Conviction and Illumination to you?*
- 2) *Have you responded with Repentance and Faith, Allowing God to bring Reconciliation, Adoption, and Translation?*

### ➤ Have you willing to “associate” with Him and His church in scriptural baptism? *If Not, Why Not? (Mk. 8:38)*

