The Great Commission As Applies To Me

Intro: Mat. 28:18-20 “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 
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20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”; Mark 16:15-16 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 
16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”; Luke 24:46-47 “And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” Today I want us to look at the Great Commission and how this commission given by Christ applies to each one of us.

I. What Is To Be Taught?
A. The Gospel; Mark 16:15-16 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 
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B. The Gospel is made up of facts.
1. 1 Cor. 15:1-4 “Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 
3 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 
4 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 
5 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:
   a. The death of Christ
   b. His burial
   c. Christ Resurrection from the grave.
2. Acts 4:12 “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” we are saved by the facts, cf. Acts 4:10 “Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.”
C. The commands
1. 1 Pet. 4:17 “For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?”
2. 2 The. 1:6-9 “Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; 
6 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 
7 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 
8 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;”
3. Heb. 5:8-9 “Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; 
9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;”
4. The commands are: Believe, Repent, and be Baptized.
D. Promises
1. Shall be saved; Mark 16:15-16 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 
16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”
2. Remission of sins; Luke 24:46-47 “And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 
47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”
3. Shall be Christ disciples.
   a. Teach all nations is literally make disciples of all nations; Mat. 28:19-20 “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 whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

b. Acts 11:26 “And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.”

II. WHO IS TO TEACH?
A. Mat. 28:18-20 “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 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 whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

B. Christ is specifically speaking to his apostles, and we now apply it to preachers.
C. Mat. 28:20a “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”
1. You has specific reference to the apostles.
2. Them has reference to those being made a disciple.

D. We will be judged according to our works, which includes taking the word to the world; Rev. 20:12 “And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.”

III. HOW ARE WE TO DO IT?
A. Verbally.
1. Publicly—not everyone has to teach publicly.
2. Privately—everyone must do this. cf. Acts 8:4 “Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.”

B. By our manner of Life
1. 2 Cor. 3:2 “Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:”
2. Rom. 14:7 “For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.”

C. Contributing of our means
1. Phi. 1:5 “For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;”
2. Phi. 4:15-18 “Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. 16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. 17 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God.”

IV. WHY WE FAIL?
A. We do not believe they are really lost; cf. 2 Cor. 5:11 “Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.”

B. We do not want to (we make excuses).
1. They will not listen.
2. I don’t have the ability.

V. WHY SHOULD IT BE DONE?
A. 1 Cor. 1:21 “For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.”
B. Rom. 1:16-17 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.”

Conclusion: Are you actively involved in doing what God has commanded us? If not, start today.