

第三堂 使命的持守 - 跨時代眾教會的大使命

The Reaffirmation of the Commission

耶穌進前來，對他們說：「天上地下所有的權柄都賜給我了。」所以，你們要去，使萬民作我的門徒，奉父、子、聖靈的名給他們施洗。凡我所吩咐你們的，都教訓他們遵守，我就常與你們同在，直到世界的末了。」(太 28:18-20)

A. 大使命是針對萬民的

1. 【橫向】由猶太選民到全世界：跨越種族、文化、語言、地域…種種的間隔

但聖靈降臨在你們身上，你們就必得著能力，並要在耶路撒冷、猶太全地，和撒馬利亞，直到地極，作我的見證。(徒 1:8)

2. 【縱向】由五旬節到主再來：跨越歷史、年齡的代溝，代代相傳

這天國的福音要傳遍天下，對萬民作見證，然後末期才來到。(太 24:14)

B. 大使命是在每一個世代落實的

興起，發光！因為你的光已經來到！耶和華的榮耀發現照耀你。看哪，黑暗遮蓋大地，幽暗遮蓋萬民，耶和華卻要顯現照耀你；他的榮耀要現在你身上。萬國要來就你的光；君王要來就你發現的光輝。(賽 60:1-3)

「凡所行的，都不要發怨言，起爭論，使你們無可指摘，誠實無偽，在這彎曲悖謬的世代作神無瑕疵的兒女。你們顯在這世代中，好像明光照耀，將生命的道表明出來...(腓 2:14-16a)

1. 神兒女雖會受逼迫，主的道反而日見興旺、越發廣傳

- 「那些因司提反的事遭患難四散的門徒直走到腓尼基和塞浦路斯，並安提阿... ..」主與他們同在，信而歸主的人就很多了。(徒 11:19-21)
- 雖然希律王下手迫害神兒女，雅各殉道，彼得被囚(徒 12:1-4) …但是「神的道繼續擴展，日見興旺。」(徒 12:24)
- 「希律不歸榮耀給神，所以主的使者立刻罰他，他被蟲所咬，氣就絕了。」神的道日見興旺，越發廣傳。(徒 12:23-24)
- 在充滿偶像、行邪術的以弗所：「主的道大大興旺，而且得勝，就是這樣。」(徒 19:20)

2. 同一心靈，高舉基督

基督是我們一切生活、事奉的中心、目的、與內容

3. 同一腳蹤，拓展神國

- 「城造在山上是不能隱藏的！」
- 願神的眾教會都成為「造在山上的城」：總叫基督照常顯大

Session 3

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The Great Commission is for All Generations and All Churches

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matt 28:18-20)

A. The great commission is for all nations

1. [Transversely] From the Jews, a chosen people, to the whole world: Cross race, culture, language, geography, ... all sorts of separations

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

2. [Longitudinally] From the Pentecost to the Lord's return: Cross history, age, from generation to generation

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. (Matt 24:14)

B. The great commission is to be carried out in each generation

1 Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. **2** For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. **3** The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. (Isaiah 60:1-3)

14 Do all things without complaining and disputing, **15** that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault **in the midst** of a crooked and perverse **generation**, among whom you shine as lights **in the world**, **16** holding fast the word of life ... (Philippians 2:14-16a)

- a. The children of God may be persecuted, but the word of the Lord expands even more

- **19** Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. ... **21** And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. (Acts 11:19-21)
- Though Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass the church, James martyred, Peter imprisoned (Acts 12:1-4) ... But the word of God grew and multiplied. (Acts 12:24)

- **23** *Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck [Herod], because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.*
24 *But the word of God grew and multiplied. (Acts 12:23-24)*
- *Ephesus was full of idolatry and sorcery: ... the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.(Acts 19:20)*

b. Exalt Christ in one accord

Christ is the center, the purpose, and the content of our lives and services

c. Expand God's Kingdom in one course

- "A city on a hill cannot be hidden!"
- May all the churches be like a "city set on a hill" : As always, so now also, Christ be magnified