**Living for Jesus – Matt. 28:18 -20**

Today we celebrate life in a risen Savior Jesus Christ the Lord!

For 40 days the Lord Jesus met with His disciples. He blessed them, taught them, encouraged them.

As He prepared to ascend to heaven; **He commissioned them! Matt. 28 is the commissioning of the disciples of Christ. It remains the commission of every believer in every generation!**

Soldiers receive a commission – an official order

Artists produce commissioned works of art for someone in authority who requests it

Doctors produce commissioned studies on diseases for the government

**A commissioned person has been formally asked to produce something by a person in authority**

Disciples of Jesus Christ have received a lifelong commission to serve their risen Lord!

*What is the commission given to disciples of Jesus Christ?*

*How does this commission affect the life style of the disciple of Jesus Christ?*

*Do you know what the Lord has commissioned you to do as a disciple of Jesus Christ?*

**Observations**

1. **Disciples of Jesus Christ are commissioned under the authority of Jesus Christ**

*All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth – 28:18*

1. Jesus Christ has been given **absolute authority** over all generations & things
2. Jesus Christ has been given **sovereign authority** over all people & nations
3. Jesus Christ has been given **dominion authority** over the devil & evil
4. Jesus Christ has been given **controlling authority** over the created order

John 5:25 – 27 – *truly, truly, I say to you an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the son of God and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man.*

1. Jesus lived under the authority of the Father

John 17: 1 -2 – *Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom you have given Him, He may give eternal life.*

1. Disciples of Jesus Christ now live under the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ

Rom.10:9 – *if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved*

1. **Disciples of Jesus Christ are commissioned to make more disciples of Jesus Christ**

*Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you… 28:19 -20*

1. Disciples of Jesus Christ are commissioned **to go to all the nations**
2. Disciples of Jesus Christ are commissioned **to be disciple makers** **to all the nations**
3. Disciples of Jesus Christ **baptize those who believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ
4. Disciples of Jesus Christ **teach those who believe** the commandments of Jesus Christ

**This is living for Jesus! Going – making disciples – baptizing them – teaching them to obey the commands of Jesus!**

* **They live like Him!**
* **They think like Him!**
* **They imitate Him!**

Acts 11:26 – *they for an entire year they met with the church & taught considerable numbers; and the* ***disciples were first called Christians in Antioch***

1. **Disciples of Jesus Christ live in the assurance of His presence**

*I am with you always, even to the end of the ages – 28:20*

1. The Living Lord Jesus Christ is always with His disciples in every generation
2. The Living Lord Jesus Christ is always with His disciples until the end of the age

**Living for Jesus is living in assurance of His permanent presence with His people!**

**Jesus promises:**

* **I am with you in your troubles**
* **I am with you in your rejections**
* **I am with you in your loneliness**
* **I am with you in your joys**
* **I am with you in your pain**
* **I am with you in your doubts**

Matt. 18:20 – *for where two or three have gathered in My name* ***I am there in their midst***

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. **Live up to the commission the Lord has given you!**
2. **Finish the commission the Lord has given to you!**
3. **Rejoice in His permanent presence with you!**

**The hymn says it best:**

*Living for Jesus a life that is true, striving to please Him in all that I do, yielding allegiance glad hearted and free. This is the pathway of blessing for me. O Jesus Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee for Thou in Thine atonement, didst give thyself for me; I owe no other master, My heart shall be Thy throne,* ***My life I give henceforth to live, O Christ for Thee alone***

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**