

Because He Reigns

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Gen 1:1–2:4a; Acts 2:14a, 22–36; Matthew 28:16–20

Introduction

The baton analogy...

"The Great Commission" is often portrayed, as if God said, "I did the work of salvation. Now I hand it off to you. It's _____ turn."

CCT: Because The LORD redeems us in His image we participate in _____ divine life.

God's Mission

A. All Authority...

Matthew 28:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

What has happened before Jesus said this? What is about to happen?

Daniel 7:13–14 (ESV)

¹³ "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an

everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

B. In and Through Us

Matthew 28:19a (ESV)

¹⁹ 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.

It's not really "Go!"...

"In and through Us being sent out."

It's not "_____ go." It's rather that God is saying to the Apostles (and to the church founded upon their teaching (cf. Eph 2.20)), "I--God the Holy Trinity--am acting upon you and in you and through you as you go" or , "I--God the Holy Trinity--am going out _____ you and _____ you."

1 Corinthians 15:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

Or in Colossians 1:

Colossians 1:28–29 (ESV)

²⁸ Him [Christ] we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

So, is "The Great Commission" really the passing of a baton?

C. Therefore

... therefore..." sums up:

1. Genealogy (OT)
2. The _____ of Jesus
3. The _____ of John the Baptist
4. The baptism and ministry of _____
5. The sacrificial _____ of Jesus
6. The glorious _____ of Jesus

All these show us what?

D. Make Disciples

Mt 28.19: "Make disciples." How?

a. Baptizing in the Name...

"Baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

That is, disciples, followers of God, are made in that act whereby God--The Holy Trinity-- _____ us and _____ us into His family.

1 Peter 3:21 (ESV)

²¹ Baptism . . . now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Galatians 4:5 (ESV)

⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

In Baptism, the Image of God--The Holy Trinity--is _____ to us

b. Teaching them to Observe All...

Matthew 28:20 (ESV)

²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

observe/keep (not so much "_____")

We like _____.

Repent of picking and choosing which part of the Word of God _____ like.

Because He Reigns we:

Conclusion

CCT: Because The LORD redeems us in His image we participate in *His* divine life.

You are *not* _____.

Philippians 2:13 (ESV)

¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

2017/2018 Financial Ministry Plan Update

The Church Leadership Team is in its final phases of completing next fiscal year's Financial Ministry Plan. The preliminary budget has been very challenging and currently shows a DEFICIT of approximately \$86,000. We are carefully diligently reviewing all options in order to provide the congregation a balanced budget. Below are some options we are discussing:

1. Borrow money from Line of Credit
2. Reduction in salary or number of employees
3. Transfer 2016/2017 surplus over to next fiscal year
4. Increase number of fundraising events

Please pray for all involved as we review these options. Any questions, please contact the office.

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