

# The Big Picture

**The Chief End of Man (Why God created us): To Glorify God and enjoy Him forever**

**How do we glorify God? By obeying His commands (Note: they are not negotiable)**

- **Great Commandment:** Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.<sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment.<sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:27-39 [THE END]
- **The Great Commission:** All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:18-19 [THE MEANS]

**How do you fulfill the Great Commission? (FYI: This is how you fulfill the Great Commandment)**

- **Go** = Evangelism (proclamation and life style) i.e. converts, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- **Make Disciples** = teaching them to obey all that I commanded you [**Obedience is the crux**]

**The Churches responsibility:**

- And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,<sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; Eph 4:11

**Our responsibility: (Our response to His ability)**

- The things, which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 2 Tim. 2:2
- We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 2 Cor. 5:20
- But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 1 Peter 2:9

**Beware the Unholy trinity will vigorously oppose you from obeying the commands!**

- **Satan:** Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8, John 10:9.
- **World:** For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. 1 John 2:16.
- **Your Flesh/Sin (noun):** For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. Romans 7:18 But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin (a noun) which dwells in me Romans 7:20

**But Cheer up! (Good News)**

- I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33
- We are more than conquerors through him who loved us. Romans 8:37, 1Cor15:57
- You are from God, little children, and have overcome them because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. 1 John 4:4
- God has given us everything we need for life and godliness 1Peter 1:3, 1 Cor. 2.12-13
  - Holy Spirit, His Word, the full armor of God, His promises, Power and authority, etc.