

## EVANGELISM IN AN AGE OF CHANGE – MATT 28:19, 20

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INTRO: OUR 3 FOLD RESPONSIBILITIES OUTLINED IN THE GREAT COMMISSION  
EVANGELISM 1/3 OF THE COMMISSION – NOT ALL OF IT

- I. 10 DEVELOPMENTS OF OUR TIMES WHICH IMPINGE UPON OUR TASK OF EVANGELISM
  - a. Population explosion
  - b. Urbanization
  - c. Mobility of population (1 in 4 every 2 years)
  - d. Automation w/leisure time (2% to produce goods and services)
  - e. Welfarism – unfortunate looking to Gov't instead of churches
  - f. Knowledge explosion w/specialization
  - g. Affluence w/loss of sense of need
  - h. Secularization – science instead of Scriptures
  - i. Ecumenism w/resentment of conversion attempts
  - j. Nationalism w/resentment towards white missionaries
- II. A BIBLICAL DEFINITION OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY IN EVANGELISM
  - a. All the world – Matt 28:19
  - b. Uttermost part – Acts 1:8
  - c. Every Creature – Mark 16:15
  - d. 250 Million    500 Million    3.2 Billion
  - e. 8 years        16 years        100 years        2.2 billion unreached
- III. THE TASK OF EVANGELISM IN 4 DIMENSIONS
  - a. Foreign Missions
    - i. More missionaries (current shortage)
    - ii. Keying on urban centers
    - iii. Keying on the training of national leaders in indigenous schools
  - b. Home Missions
    - i. 90% soon in urban centers
    - ii. Soon more in US than 1<sup>st</sup> century world – 300 to 370 million by the end of the century (2000)
    - iii. The megalopolis is 1/3 US population
    - iv. Plans to plant churches in the new areas must be made
    - v. Base for world-wide missions
  - c. The Local Church
    - i. Field in the world – This church on a mission field
    - ii. ILLUS: Pahamd.
    - iii. ILLUS: Crying at missionary film and driving home w/stony hearts past lost Americans.

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