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TOPIC: THE BELIEVERS MANDATE – UNDERSTANDING IT

TEXT: Matthew 28:19-20

INTRODUCTION: When a person is born again by believing in Jesus, he or she is called a believer and translated into a new Kingdom and placed under a new government where God is the Sovereign King and the Loving Father. (**Col. 1:13, 2 Cor. 6:17,18**) A king rules by decrees and mandates, and moreover God saved us with the main purpose of serving Him. (**Exo. 8:1**) Therefore, as believers, we are not just saved to sit—we are saved to serve. Every believer has a divine assignment: a mandate to fulfil. This study explores what that mandate is and helps us to understand what it is and in subsequent studies, we will also learn how to fulfil it and the consequences of neglecting this mandate.

WHAT IS A MANDATE?

A mandate is an official order or commission to carry out a specific task or responsibility. It represents the authority to implement a policy or certain resources, places or belongings. Embedded within a mandate is the agenda or purpose envisioned by its issuer.

WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE BELIEVERS' MANDATE?

The Believers' mandate refers to a divine command or commission given by God to His people as in Matt. 28:19-20, where Jesus instructs His disciples to spread the Gospel and make disciples of all nations. It signifies the authority and responsibility assigned by God to fulfil His purposes on Earth.

This mandate is not optional; it is a calling that every follower of Christ must embrace wholeheartedly. Understanding the believers' mandate helps Christians to walk in alignment with God's will and to live impactful lives that bring glory to His name.

UNDERSTANDING ITS CONTENT (Matt. 28:19,20, Mk. 16:15)

The believers' mandate is a divine instruction from Jesus to do the following:

1. Massive Evangelism - Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature (Matt. 28:19, Mk. 16:15)
 - a. Sharing the message of salvation. **Rom. 10:14, 2 Cor. 6:2, Heb 2:3**
 - b. Speaking about the cross, resurrection, and new life. **1 Cor. 1:18**
 - c. Warning about the Kingdom being at hand. **Mk. 1:15**
2. Make disciples, not just converts. Matt. 28:19, 20 (NIV)
 - a. Purposeful follow-ups. **Acts 5:42**
 - b. Teaching them and helping them to grow spiritually. **2 Tim. 2:2, Eph. 4:11-15**
3. Baptizing people in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Mat. 28:19,20
 - a. Integration of the new converts into the Body of Christ – the Church. **1 Cor. 12:13**
 - b. Enlarging the Church – the Body of Christ. **Lk. 14:23**
4. Becoming His witness - starting locally and reaching globally. Act 1:8
 - a. Sharing your testimonies of the transforming power of God. **Acts 1:8, Acts 22:3-8, 15-22**
 - b. Living as an example. **1 Per. 2:12, 1 Cor. 11:1**
5. Travailing in prayers until souls are truly won for Christ. Gal. 4:19

CONCLUSION: The Believers' mandate is all about winning souls – the reason for Jesus (Matt. 18:11, 2 Pet. 3:8). It involves all forms of evangelism, discipleship, and follow-up and is not fulfilled until the souls are truly won and established in the Church and the kingdom. You need to start today and be like Apostle Paul. 1 Cor. 9:16,19

The believers' mandate is not limited to pastors, evangelists, or missionaries. Every Christian is called to be a soul-winner and disciple-maker. It is a mandate to be fulfilled by you. It is a mission for you.

Reflection: Is My Life on Mission?

Ask yourself:

1. When was the last time I shared Jesus with someone?
2. Do I genuinely care about lost souls?
3. Who in my life needs to hear the gospel?
4. What steps can I take this week to live more evangelistically?