

the GREAT COMMISSION

Part 5: "Behold, I Am With You" - John 14:15-31

Sunday May 21, 2023

SERMON NOTES

1) As we consider the Great Commission what does it mean when Jesus says, "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age"?

a) *"Behold, I am with you always...*

As Yahweh was with Israel, Jesus will be with his disciples as they serve him. In this, Jesus demonstrates his _____ to his disciples.

(See Genesis 28:15; Exodus 3:12; Joshua 1:9; Jeremiah 1:8)

b) *...to the very end of the age."*

This present age is a time of amnesty where we, as his faithful messengers, are _____ to proclaim Christ to all people that they may be saved.

(See Matthew 13:37)

2) How is Jesus present with his disciples?

a) By the _____

(See John 14:16,17; John 16:7)

b) Instead of Jesus working individually, one on one with his disciples, he is working spiritually with millions of us to accomplish his ultimate mission of reaching a perishing world.

LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1) What stood out in today's message for you? Why?
- 2) As you consider this final part of the Great Commission, why was it so important that the disciples understand this truth?
- 3) What does the promise of Christ's continued presence mean for you as you think of your life and the mission you have been given?
- 4) In what ways have you witnessed the work of the Holy Spirit in your life? In what ways do you desire more?
- 5) Are you prone to feeling lonely? In what ways have you been encouraged today to live by faith rather than feelings? In what ways have you been challenged to step out in faith and connect with someone?

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Start this week by thanking God that you are His child, that you are a fellow heir with Christ, and that you are never alone because His Spirit dwells within you. Wherever you are weak or vulnerable this week, ask for him for a greater measure of faith to overcome your feelings. As you reflect on the truth of God's promises in your life ask him who else needs this kind of assurance and then take a step of faith to share Christ with them.