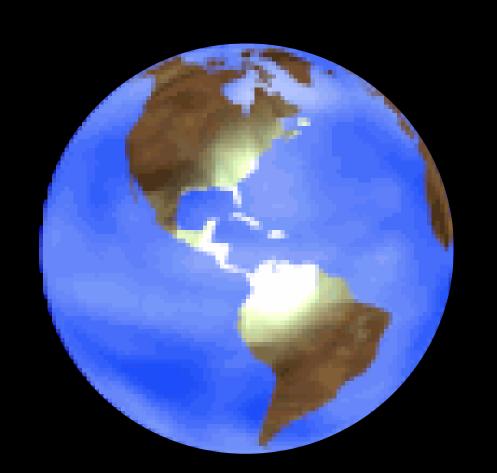
THE GREAT COMMISSION



"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."





(Mark 16:15)
"Go into all
the World"
Grk Kosmos

The circle of the earth. Thayer's

v15 "Preach the gospel to all creation."

The whole human race. Thayers

Massive Mission

View #1 He who believes & is baptized shall <u>NOT</u> be saved!

Who holds that View? Atheists, Secular Jews, Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, Christian Scientists, Wicca, Scientologists



The BIBLE: (John 8:24b) "Unless you believe that I am He, you shall die in your sins." (John 3:15) "Who ever believes in Him may have eternal life." (1 Pet 3:21) "Baptism now saves you.."

View #2 He who **DOES NOT believe & IS NOT** baptized shall STILL be saved!??

Ba'hai: All in the image of God, so all religions equal. Neo Hinduism: World is 1 family deifying one truth. Unitarian Universalist (incl atheists, pagan, agnostic, Christian, pantheist, polytheist) all seeking growth. (1 Tim 4:10) "Savior of All men, esp believers." (1 Tim 2:4) "Desires ALL men to be save."

Mat 7:14 Small is the gate leads to life .. few find it. Mat 18:9 One eye than two.. be cast into fiery Hell. Mat 25:46 Depart into eternal punishment prepared 4

View #3 He who

DOES NOT believe but

Is baptized shall be saved!



Who holds that View? Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Eastern Orthodox, Anglicans, Reformed ie Calvinists. Why? Some say to forgive "Original sin"? Others say to give "grace" against temptation?

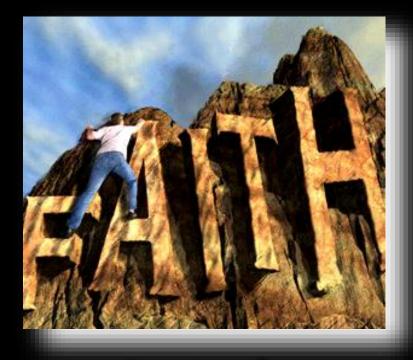
Cf Bible: Acts 15:9 Cleansing their heart by faith."

Heb 11:6 "Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He IS, and that He is a rewarder of those that seek Him." 5

View #4 He who

DOES believe but IS NOT
baptized shall be saved!

Who holds that View? Most evangelical denominations, Baptists, Nazarenes & JW's, some Charismatics & Quakers.



Quaker worship is mostly silent meditation/prayer. No sermon, hymns, Lord's Supper, or water baptism, no scripture read. One may speak briefly, then silence.

Acts 2:38 Repent & be baptized for *forgiveness of* sin Acts 22:16 Arise & be baptized & *wash away your* sin

View #5 The Biblical View:

Mark 16:16 "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved."



a. It Can't be a work—Greek *Passive* (done to you) Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; Mat 3:14. *John*

- b. It's the point of our *New Birth (Titus 3:5) Washing of regeneration* & renewing by the Holy Spirit.
- c. The point of our entrance into Christ (Gal 3:27)
 "Been baptized into Christ (where salv is Eph 5:23)"

- #1 Atheists, Buddhists, Wicca etc deny need for belief in Christ & baptism cuz is no salvation.
- **#2** Universalists deny need for *belief / baptism* because *ALL get Salvation*.
- **#3** Catholic, Orthodox, Reformed etc deny need for *belief* but do *baptisms* for *infant salvation*.
- #4 Denominationalists accept belief but reject baptism as essential for adult salvation.
 - #5 True Disciples accept *belief* in Christ and *baptism* as necessary for *our salvation*.

Are You Ready to Make a Decision Today?

- 1. You believe in Jesus. (John 8:24)
- 2. You've changed your mind & are willing to live Godly. (Acts 3:19)
- 3. You're willing to *affirm to others* that Jesus is *YOUR* Lord and Savior . (Mat 10:32)
- 4. You're ready for someone to **baptize you** and start living that new life. (Acts 22:16)