

**Bereans Bible Institute**  
**Module VII – The Apostolic Mission**  
**Lesson 1 – The Great Commission**

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1. The Great Commission

A. Matthew 28:18-20

1. All authority in heaven and on earth given to Jesus

- a. Going therefore, make 'disciples' – baptism, training to obey Jesus
- b. baptizing them UNTO (eis – in obedience to) the authority of Father, Son, & holy Breath'

1. Not a 'baptism formula'

2. Not a description of the 'Trinity'

3. But a chain of custody and authority to 'baptize' which came

a. First: **from the Father** (the source of all authority) to John the Baptist (John 1:33), and then to Jesus Himself (John 3:26-27; John 4:1-3)

b. Second: **from the Son** to His Apostles (Matt. 28:19) after "all authority' had been given to Jesus (Matt. 28:18)

c. Third: **from the holy Breath** (the conduit for the presence of the Father & Son) to the local congregations (1 Cor. 12:12-13)

B. Mark 16:15-20

1. In response to the Apostles' preaching

a. Vs. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.

1. Verb tense shows that belief and baptism PRECEDE salvation.

b. Vs. 17-20 Supernatural signs promised to those who respond to the preaching of the Apostles (cf. Heb. 2:2-3).

C. Luke 24:46-53

1. Vs. 47 'Repentance' and 'remission of sins' the primary elements (not faith only)

2. Vs. 48-49 The Apostles, who were to receive 'power' were 'eyewitnesses'

D. Acts 1:1-8

1. Vs. 4 They were command to wait for the 'power' (supernatural confirmation) before beginning to preach