

The Four All's

“Out of all history you’ll find but one conqueror who came with clean hands – and these hands the soldiers pierced with iron spikes when they nailed the Nazarene to the cross.”

- Ro.1:25, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever.

Mt.28:16-20

- Context: possibly 500+ disciples (9-10) with the 11 await His coming (7, 10, 16, Galilee)
- 16: Jesus, with small group of disciples, traveled in Galilee. Acts – evangelistic church. Why?
 - 1) The resurrection
 - 2) The great commission
- 17: Saw Him (fulfills v.10)... Worship
 - 1) Some doubted: eliminates hysteria...
 - 2) At a distance, did not know it was Jesus.
Cf. Thomas (Jn.20:24...)

Mt.28:16-20

18: as He drew near, all doubt vanished.

1) 1 Co.15:6

2) “All authority in heaven, on earth...”

3) 1 Co.15:27

19: Therefore – based on His authority...

1) Go: 2:8; 10:5

2) Make disciples: 27:57; Ac.14:21

3) All nations: worldwide scope. Ac.1:8

4) Baptizing them: Ac.2:37-38; Ac.19

5) In [into] Name: as Ac.19:3. Relationship

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20: Teaching them [obedience to His commands]

****Teaching precedes and follows baptism****

- 1) Observe: knowledge + way of life
- 2) All things: forbids cafeteria religion
- 3) I commanded you: not suggestions

Mt.28:18-20, summary of His final work on earth

18: **power**: He is NOT a sinful criminal, but the all-powerful Savior

19: **purpose**: to prepare apostles before He leaves earth – great commission

20a: **precepts**: all must learn complete obedience

1) to observe: all learn complete obedience.

2) keep [observe, obey]: 27:64; 28:4; 28:20

20b: **promise**: though He is leaving, He does not abandon them

Four 'alls' explain this great commission
– the climax and conclusion of Matthew

I. All Power, 18

Power of authority, right to exercise power, rule

- Mt.7:...28-29, not as men ('authorities')
- Mt.9:2-8, forgives sins...gives proof
- Mt.10:1, power over demons (8:28-34)
- Mt.12:38, sign seekers (cf. 9:4-8)...
- Mt.21:23... question the source of His authority
- Mt.23:2, 13, hypocrites in high places...
- Mt.28:18, universal dominion
 - Satan had offered Him kingdoms of world
 - He is King of Universe
 - No other king died and succeeded Himself
 - He rules in heaven over angels / demons...

Descriptions of Lord's authority

- Ro.14:9, '...died and lived'
- Ph.2:9-11
 - 9: men argue over who is best...
 - 10-11: Lk.6:46; Mt.21:28-32

I. All Authority, 18

II. All Nations, 19

Universal Rule

- Go. Aggressive faith, confidence
- Make disciples.
- All nations.
 - Mt.24:9, hated by all nations
 - Mt.10:5-6, go not...
 - Mt.10: limited in time, territory, people
 - Mt.28: unlimited in time, territory, people

Universal Rule

- Go.
- Make disciples.
- All nations.
- Baptizing them into the Name...
 - 'In' ... 'Into' ?
 - 'Into the Name'; i.e., a relationship as the goal of baptism...
 - Father – mercy, grace. Jn.3:16. Ac.2
 - Son – atonement, blood. Jn.3:16
 - Holy Spirit – instruction, sanctification, Jn.16:13.

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II. All Nations, 18

III. All Things, 20

All things...

- Teaching – disciples must be taught
 - Lk.24:44, ...24-27, ignorance is deadly
 - Ac.2:42, teaching never stops; no graduates
- Observe – teaching is not merely to impart information, but to reveal proper worship and righteous living.
 - Baptism brings them in
 - Teaching builds them up
- All things – Lord's own teaching. Hb.1:1-2
 - Gn.6:14, why not...?
 - All – opposite of selective obedience

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IV. All The Days, 20

Reassurance

- **With you:** [all the days, His presence / support]
 - Immanuel, Mt.1:23
 - Apostles had conquered their own misgivings; now they take gospel to world
 - Most were ignorant, unlettered
 - Must face wrath of councils, governors, kings, mobs...
 - But He is 'with them'
- **'All the days'** [ASV ftnt.]
- **Completion of current age** – apostles would not live this long...

Conclusion

- Matthew begins with assurance that Jesus will be with His people – Mt.1:23
- It closes with the promise that His presence will go with them
- Great Person / Plan / Presence

Jesus is no longer the penniless preacher and healer.

He has the fullest possible authority.