

The Consecrated Life August 16th & 17th, 2014

Matthew 28:19-20

Jesus said to go and make disciples, not believers!

Disciple (Greek - *mathetes*) “a learner...one who follows one’s teaching...A disciple was not only a pupil, but an adherent; hence they are spoken of as imitators of their teacher;”¹

John 8:31 “So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, ‘If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples,’”

John 15:8 “By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.”

Jesus said to baptize all new disciples

📖 Romans 6:1-14

Jesus said to teach all new disciples to observe and obey all that Jesus commanded us to do.

📖 Luke 6:46-49

❖ To be a disciple of Christ is to enter into a new realm of life, a life of consecration to God!

Consecrate: “To make or declare to be sacred,...”²

Sacred: “Holy; pertaining to God or to His worship; separated from common secular uses and consecrated to God and His service;...”²

➤ The word for consecrate in Hebrew is *Qadash* which means to consecrate, sanctify, prepare, dedicate, or be separate.³

A New Realm of life: Contrasting the Kingdom of Darkness to the Kingdom of Light

Kingdom of Darkness	Kingdom of Light
➤ Following desires of body and mind <i>Ephesians 2:3 “among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.”</i>	➤ Following Jesus’ will and design for our lives <i>Ephesians 5:17 “Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”</i>
➤ “Whatever works for you” <i>Luke 12:16-19 “...and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, ...’ And he said, ‘I will do this: ...’”</i>	➤ Whatever pleases God <i>2 Corinthians 5:9 “So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please Him.”</i>
➤ Truth is Relative <i>John 18:38 “Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?’ ...”</i>	➤ God’s Truth is Absolute <i>Matthew 5:18 “For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.”</i>
➤ Preference: Hold to your own personal opinion <i>Proverbs 14:12 “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.”</i>	➤ Conviction: Hold to the standard of God’s Word which will be the final judge of all <i>John 12:47-48 “...the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.”</i>

Paul reiterated Jesus' commission to make disciples

Colossians 2:6-7 "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

- ❖ For the true disciple, there is now a new life to be lived – a life consecrated to God and set apart by Him for His purposes and for the accomplishment of His great and eternal will!

Endnotes:

¹ Vine, W.E. *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words*. Nashville: T. Nelson Publishers, 1997.

² Webster, Noah. *American Dictionary of the English Language (1828 Facsimile Edition)*. San Francisco: Foundation for American Christian Education, 1989.

³ "Qadash." *www.biblestudytools.com*. Salem Communications Corporation, 2014. Web.
<<http://www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/hebrew/nas/qadash.html>>.

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