

## Great Commission Chart

<b>Matt 28:19-20</b>	<b>Mark 16:15-18</b>	<b>Luke 24:46-49</b>	<b>John 20:21-23</b>	<b>Acts 2:38</b>
Go and make disciples of all nations	Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.	Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day	As the Father has sent Me, I also send you	Then Peter said to them
baptizing them <b>in the name...</b>	He who believes and is baptized will be saved*	and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached <b>in His name</b> to all nations	If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them*	Repent and be baptized every one of you <b>in the name of Jesus Christ</b> for the remission of sins
I am with you always.	and these signs will follow those who believe. <b>In My name+... **</b>	I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high	He breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.	and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
	*but he who does not believe will be condemned		*if you retain the sins of any, they are retained	

\*These two parts could be included in the same box. They are only separated here to accentuate the connection between the ending of John 3:5 and the Great Commission accounts in Mark and John, the only two in which Jesus mentions the antithesis of the forgiveness that is to be preached.

\*\*Followed by a list of manifestations of the Spirit: "...they will cast out demons, speak with new tongues, take up serpents, if they drink any deadly thing it will by no means hurt them, lay hands on the sick and they will recover."

+There is no punctuation in the Greek manuscripts. The English could just as easily be rendered, "...and these signs shall follow those who believe in My name." The fact that the name is usually tied to baptism and the remission of sins in the other passages would seem to favor this reading. Acts 3:6 and 16:18 would seem to support the popular reading. These passages also provide evidence that the phrase "in the name of Jesus Christ" was used in direct quotation by the apostles (see also 1 Corinthians 1:10 and 5:4). However, Mark 16:17 could indeed be rendered either way. The fact that Jesus mentions his own name in giving the Great Commission serves our purposes here.

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Some observations:

1. Notice that there are some variations in the wording, but the message is consistent throughout.
2. Notice that when the word “name” is mentioned, it always refers to a singular name.
3. Notice that at least two out of the three times the name is mentioned in the Great Commission it refers to a particular name, specifically to the name of Jesus.
4. Notice that the name used by the apostle Peter in fulfillment of the Great Commission is “Jesus Christ” (Acts 2:38).