Welcome Baptized Disciples of Jesus – GO Training

Lesson 5

The Long Black Train to Hell

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Objective: Help disciples accomplish the tasks assigned by Jesus to every Disciple in a religiously confused and secular world

Training every Disciple to GO and make Disciples

The Great Commission of Jesus is the foundation for Training Baptized Disciple of Jesus to Go into the World.

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Disciples Task Summary

- 1. GO make Disciples by immersing (baptizing) them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit **for the forgiveness of sins**
- 2. Teach Disciples to **do their best to** obey everything Jesus commanded the Apostles

Matthew 28:18-20

To make Disciples should remind those outside the church building that Judgment Day is coming for all.

The commission of Jesus to his apostles is the key to representing Disciples, the church, answering spiritual questions and presenting directions to Heaven.

"I am a baptized disciple of Jesus" is a better way to represent our religious allegiance – the Christian label does not educate

"The church that belongs to Christ" is a better way to represent our worship and fellowship compared to the multiple religious organizations --- denominations are irrelevant in Heaven

Directions to Heaven:

- 1. Decide to become an Immersed (Baptized) Disciple of Jesus
 - 2. Do your best to obey everything Jesus commanded the Apostles

Greatest & Most Important commands of Jesus

- 1. Love Almighty God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength
- 2. Love your neighbor as yourself
- Remember Jesus body and blood sacrifice on the first day of every week

Jesus, the Bible, and the apostles teach Disciples how to respect Almighty God

Mark 12:29

²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love (Agape) the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

Jesus, the Bible and the apostles tell Disciples how to respect Almighty God

(Ecclesiastes 12:13–14).

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil"

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Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

What does "humbly" imply for mortals?

Jesus also tells disciples who to fear.

Luke 12: 4-5

⁴ "I tell you, my friends, do not **be afraid** of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. ⁵ But I will show you whom you should fear: **Fear him** who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.

Matthew 10:28

²⁸ Do not **be afraid** of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, **be afraid** of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

What is the Reason that Disciples seek to Provide Directions to Heaven?

Death, Judgment, Heaven or Hell Await All

Confronting Almighty God can result in RESPECT, LOVE or FEAR depending on knowledge of and obedience of Jesus' words in the Bible?

- Respect of Almighty God is a result of realizing our imperfectness in the presence of our perfect Creator and His right to punish our sinfulness.
- Love of Almighty God is a result of realizing that He loves every soul and sent His son Jesus to this earth to become a sacrifice for the sins of faithful Disciples.
- Fear of Almighty God is a result of realizing that He is righteous in His punishments and His promises.

Every soul should have the opportunity to hear the Word of Almighty God and His son Jesus?

¹³ Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion **of** the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the **duty of** all **man**kind. -- **Ecclesiastes 12:13**

³⁰ For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people." ³¹ It is a **dreadful thing** to fall into the hands of the living God. -- **Hebrews 10:30-32**

Those that do not know the BAD NEWS of God's Righteous Wrath cannot understand the GOOD NEWS of Jesus' Sacrifice and Resurrection and God's Mercy and Grace

Why do you think more souls do not know the BAD News?

- Many do not have any knowledge or history with the Bible
- Many feel eternally secure because of society's delusion
- Many have been led astray by human desires and teaching
- BDOJs have been reluctant to remind those we encounter

The "Bad News" is that every soul commits sin and boards the Long Black Train to Hell where punishment awaits.

- The Long Black Train To Hell is a good illustration of the "Bad News" because the tracks lead to Hell and eternal separation from the Creator of the Universe.
- Every soul boards the Long Black Train when, inherently knowing the good, choose to do the evil.
- The working definition of Sin against another soul: Doing anything to a soul that you would not want done to you."

So, how can disciples go about educating those we encounter of Bad News in a gentle and respectful manner?

- Take every opportunity to tactfully comment on behavior or that will result in Bad News.
 - "They will really regret that on Judgment day if they don't change their ways"
 - "The Bad News is that Hell is real and the way there is easy"
 - "They will be surprised to find that Heaven is not the default destination of the soul"

The "Bad News" scriptures

- All, every soul must appear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive what is due for things done in the body.
 2 Corinthians 5:10
- Those that do not obey the commands of Jesus to the apostles will "go away to eternal punishment"
 Matthew 25:46
- Those who reject Jesus and do not accept His words; His very words will condemn them at the last day.

John 12:48

Disciples motivation for making disciples is agape for our neighbors and a Reverence, a Respect, a Positive Fear of the Lord.

After Paul's conversion and acceptance – Acts 9:31

³¹ Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in **the fear of the Lord** and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

A **positive fear** is a fear of displeasing Almighty God and Jesus who forgives us, sustains us and give us hope of heaven.

Paul's message to the Roman church: Romans 1:14-21

- ¹⁸ The **wrath** of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness,
- ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.
- ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

This it the BAD NEWS

To respect God is to understand and believe:

- Almighty God created and controls everything in the universe
- Almighty God has set the standards of righteousness
- Almighty God and His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit wants to abide with every soul
- Almighty God's Wrath is coming as the penalty for unrighteousness
- God has offered His son Jesus as a sacrifice to save obedient souls from His Wrath
- Faithful striving to obey everything Jesus commanded the apostles is counted as righteousness
- Disobedient souls will be subject to God's terrible wrath