

What I Owe The Local Congregation

Lesson Five

My Personal Work

Introduction:

1. The church is the blood bought body of Christ (Acts 20:28; Eph. 1:22-23).
2. While I am a member of the universal church of Christ, my service in the church is rendered on a local level – under the local organization of the congregation.
3. I owe the local congregation my prompt presence.
4. I owe the local congregation my participation.
5. I owe the local congregation my pattern and my positive influence.
6. I owe the local congregation my personal work...

I. I Owe the Church My Personal Work as a Servant

- A. Edifying the church.
- B. Serving the suffering.
- C. Evangelizing the lost (Luke 19:10).

II. I Owe the Church My Personal Work as an Evangelist

- A. **The Great Commission is Powerful (Matthew 28:18)**
 1. The one who commands it has all power (authority).
 2. The command itself is powerful.
 3. The message to be preached is powerful (Romans 1:16).
 - a. Only way for man to be saved (cf. 1 Cor. 1:21).
 - b. Emphasizes the importance of teaching God's Word alone.
- B. **The Great Commission is Personal (Matthew 28:19a)**
 1. "Go ye" means "go me." (Cf. Mark 16:15; John 20:21).
 2. The Apostles preached that we must preach (Jude 1:3).
- C. **The Great Commission is Practical (Matthew 28:19b)**
 1. The goal is to make disciples of all.
 2. This is done by baptizing (preceded by teaching).
 3. This is done by teaching or educating.
 4. What do we teach?
 - a. A Crucified Savior (John 12:32; 1 Cor. 2:1-2; Rom. 5:6-10).
 - b. A Comforting Savior (Rom. 10:15; 5:1; Eph. 2:14-15).
 - c. A Commanding Savior (Heb. 5:9).
- D. **The Great Commission is Perpetual (Matthew 28:20a)**
 1. A three-fold charge...
 - a. Evangelize
 - b. Baptize
 - c. Immunize
 2. Those taught must then teach others (2 Tim. 2:2).
- E. **The Great Commission is Providential (Matthew 28:20b)**
 1. The immediate context is miraculously (cf. Mark 16:15-20).
 2. But God is still with us providentially...
 - a. In persecution (2 Corinthians 4:8-14).
 - b. In hardship (Hebrews 13:5-6).
 - c. In guidance (Acts 14:27; 1 Cor. 16:9; 2 Cor. 2:12; Col. 4:3).