

Let's explore a powerful and urgent question:

Why are Christians called to preach the gospel boldly and without fear?

The answer is deeply rooted in Scripture and central to our faith as followers of Jesus Christ. Let's begin by reflecting on Jesus' final command before His ascension:

Matthew 28:18-20

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"

1. The Authority of Christ

Jesus opens with a bold declaration: *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."* (v. 18)

This statement is not just a claim of power—it's a declaration of

sovereignty. After His resurrection, Christ is exalted to the right hand of the Father (Philippians 2:9-11), ruling as Lord over all creation. His authority is both universal and eternal. Therefore, when we go to preach, we are not going in our own strength—we are going under His divine commission and covering.

Colossians 1:16-17

“For in him all things were created... all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”

2. Our Mission: To Make Disciples of All Nations

Jesus didn't just tell His disciples to “go”—He told them *what to do*:

- **Make disciples**
- **Baptize them**
- **Teach them to obey everything He commanded**

This is not a suggestion; it is a command—commonly known as the **Great Commission**. It reflects God's heart for the whole world (John 3:16), and it mirrors His plan to redeem people from every tribe,

tongue, and nation (Revelation 7:9).

Romans 10:14-15

“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? ...
And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?”

3. God's Presence Gives Us Boldness

Jesus concluded His commission with a promise: *“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”* (v. 20)

This echoes God's covenantal presence with His people throughout Scripture (see Joshua 1:9, Isaiah 41:10). His abiding presence through the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-17) assures us that we are never alone in the mission.

2 Timothy 1:7

“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.”

4. Start Where You Are

You don't need special qualifications to preach. Jesus didn't tell His disciples to wait until they had all the resources or knowledge—they were simply told to obey. Evangelism starts in your home, your street, your workplace, or your school. This is modeled in Acts 1:8:

Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Start in your “Jerusalem”—your immediate circle. Be faithful where you are, and God will expand your reach.

5. Don't Wait for “Special” Signs

Some believers hold back, waiting for a vision, a prophetic word, or a feeling of readiness. But Scripture is clear: the command has already been given. Spiritual growth happens *through* obedience, not before it.

James 1:22

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

You may never feel completely “ready”—and that’s okay. God equips those He calls, and He is faithful to strengthen you along the way.

Preaching the gospel boldly is not reserved for pastors or evangelists. It’s the responsibility of every believer, backed by the authority of Christ, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and the urgency of the gospel.

You don’t go alone. You go with the One who has all authority and who promised to be with you until the end.

So go. Preach boldly. The King is with you.

“The Lord bless you and keep you.” - Numbers 6:24

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