

Who Do You Say That I Am?

Seeing and Delighting in Jesus through an Expositional Journey through the **Gospel of Matthew** 129- Jesus Instructs the Apostles- Part 6 The Reward Jesus Gives to the Righteous

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Matthew 10:40-11:1

40 "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

41 He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

42 And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward."

11:1 When Jesus had finished giving instructions to His twelve disciples, He departed from there to teach and preach in their cities.

*To the Glory of God the Father; God the Son;
and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

There are several great Debates raging within modern Christianity. And one of those Debates centers on the Concept of whether or not there are many "Levels" of Rewards in Heaven and if there are those same "Levels" of Punishments in Hell.

In other words, does a person, who did NOT murder millions of people and start a World War, but who was simply unsaved, receive the SAME Damnation in Hell as a man like Adolf Hitler? Does a nice and kind and loving pagan, who never heard the Gospel, suffer the SAME eternal Agony as a man, who repeatedly and joyfully engaged in raping children?

Now I have longed believed that pagans around the World, who have never heard the Gospel, will NOT go to Hell simply because they didn't repent and trust in Jesus. They will go to Hell because they sinned continually and voluntarily against a holy God and did NOT repent. But do they suffer the SAME Punishment as does Joseph Stalin

or Mao or Pol Pott, who collectively murdered over 100 million human beings?

Likewise, we know that a man, who repents and trusts in Jesus on his “Death-Bed” goes to Heaven. But does he receive the SAME Rewards in Heaven as the Apostle Paul? Does a person, who is legitimately born again- but who does little or nothing to help lead others to Christ; hardly ever gives to God; and only attends Church sporadically- does he receive the SAME Rewards as Peter or John or the many unnamed and unknown Martyrs who suffered horribly and yet remained faithful- as they died for the Cause of Jesus Christ?

In the Natural- it just doesn’t seem “*Fair*” that everybody is rewarded and judged the SAME- precisely because everybody doesn’t live their Lives the SAME. But when we begin to go down that Road- we must realize that “*Fairness*” has NEVER been a part of God’s Ways. The Concept of “*Fairness*” is NOT even hinted at anywhere in the Bible. So, NO! God is NOT “*Fair*”.

But when I tell you that God is NOT “*Fair*”- I do NOT mean that God is “*Unfair*”. He isn’t. But it DOES mean that God is NOT the least concerned with having to meet up with some arbitrary Standard of “*human Fairness*”. God is concerned with being God; and with being Almighty; and Glorious; and that His Fame is exalted around the World; and that He alone is Worshipped and Feared and Adored and Glorified and Obeyed.

So, God is infinitely BETTER than “*Fair*”! God is “*Gracious*” and God is “*Merciful*”- which means that wicked Rebels can be saved. Because if God treated everyone “*Fairly*”- then EVERYBODY would go to Hell- because EVERYBODY is a Sinner. So, we really DON’T want God to be “*Fair*”.

But it just doesn’t seem to be “*Right*” for everybody to get the SAME Rewards and Punishment. So, some people believe that there are different levels or degrees of both eternal Rewards and Punishments. And when asked where they go that Idea- most of them point to this Passage in **Luke 12:43-48** where Jesus said:

43 Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.

44 Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

45 But if that slave says in his heart, 'My master will be a long time in coming,' and begins to beat the slaves, both men and women, and to eat and

drink and get drunk;

46 the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

47 And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many lashes,

48 but the one who did not know it, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but few. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

So, the Fact that *some* were beaten with MANY Lashes while *others* received FEW- *seems* to say that there are degrees or levels of Punishment with God. And if that is true- then Logic suggests that there are also different degrees or levels of Rewards for the saved. And this Passage here in **Matthew 10** tells us that however it all works out- the Rewards of the saved are Certain and Sure.

Now as an aside- this Passage in **Luke 12** is one of the Reasons I believe that the Church will remain on the earth until Jesus comes. Because here in verse 43- our Lord said,

Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes

... and the “**so doing**” that Jesus refers to here in verse 43 is spelled out specifically in **Luke 12:35-42**:

35 "Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps lit.

36 "Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open the door to him when he comes and knocks.

37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master will find on the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that he will gird himself to serve, and have them recline at the table, and will come up and wait on them.

38 Whether he comes in the second watch, or even in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

39 "But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be broken into."

40 You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect."

41 Peter said, "Lord, are You addressing this parable to us, or to everyone else

as well?"

42 And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and sensible steward, whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their rations at the proper time?"

But wait! If I have already been "Raptured" into Heaven- *why* do I need to be "**dressed in readiness and keep my lamps lit**"? That's what people do who are still on the earth. So, if I have been already "taken out of this World" and I am already Safe in Heaven with Him- why then does Jesus tell me things like...

Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open the door to him when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master will find on the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that he will gird himself to serve, and have them recline at the table, and will come up and wait on them. Whether he comes in the second watch, or even in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

These Words ONLY make sense if saved people are here on the earth when Jesus comes back. They CANNOT and DO NOT apply to anyone who is no longer on the earth. So, I do NOT believe that the Church is going to leave the earth. I believe that the Tares are going to be removed from the earth- FIRST (**Matthew 13:30**)- and that the Church will ALWAYS remain on the earth- so that when Jesus comes back- He will then be able to...

... present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. (Ephesians 5:27b)

... and so, He will...

... be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed (2Thessalonians 1:10b)

... and we have to be here on the earth in order for all that to happen.

But in **The Revelation 22:12**, Jesus also said,

Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every

man according to what he has done.

This *seems* to say that the Reward that Jesus is bringing with Him will be dispersed to various people- based NOT on the Fact that they had already experienced the Miracle of the New Birth; and NOT based on the Fact that they had already been Justified and Adopted- but based solely on...

... what he has DONE.

... and this is exactly the *Opposite* of how we all get into Heaven.

So, we are initially saved by FAITH and NOT by WORKS. So, we are saved by what we *believe* in; what we *hope* in; what we *confess*; and what we *trust* in. And anyone for any Reason, who is trying to *earn* Heaven by what they “DO”- *including* very noble religious Works- are actually sinning against God. Because by trying to *earn* God’s Favor or Forgiveness; or His Blessings by what we DO- we are saying that Jesus Christ Himself; as well as all that He did in living a sinless Life; dying a vicarious (substitutionary) Death; and by literally and physically rising from the Dead was NOT enough. And so, we have to *do something* to get God’s Attention; we have to *do something* to make ourselves attractive to God; and earn His Salvation.¹ And that is NOT the Gospel! “Justification by Faith ALONE” is the biblical Gospel; and it is the very Core of the Christian Faith- without which- we do NOT have the Christian Faith.

So, any Person; any Group; any religious System; or any “church” that teaches that lost Sinners are saved by what they DO- rather than by Faith ALONE- is heretical and false. And the damnable Apostasy that they are peddling is from satan himself and does NOT have the Power to forgive a single Sin or save a single Soul. And so, those who believe what is taught by these evil people- remain Lost forever!

By while it is indisputably true that lost Sinners are saved by Faith ALONE- it *seems* that we are *rewarded* by what we DO- AFTER we have already been saved.

These verses (and many, many more just like them) DO NOT teach about Faith; or Salvation; or Repentance; or about Forgiveness; or God’s Grace. These verses all describe things that people are supposed

¹ And this is all summarized by the phrase, “Justification by Faith ALONE”- which is the very Heart and Soul of biblical Christianity

to “DO” on an ongoing basis- AFTER they have already been saved!
And my Question is, “*Why?*”

Why are we supposed to do all these things- if we are *already* saved and we *cannot* lose our Salvation? And there are at least seven Answers:

1. Because our Obedience brings great Glory to God
2. Because our Obedience makes Jesus look Irresistible
3. Because our Obedience displays the Truthfulness of the Bible
4. Because our Obedience leads the Lost to Repentance
5. Because our Obedience makes the Damnation of the Unrepentant to be Just
6. Because our Obedience leads the Saved into Holiness
7. Because our Obedience brings Rewards to the Saved

Okay, those are things that happen when people, who have already been saved- obey the Commandments of God. But now I want to ask you the \$64,000 Question:

**What is the Motivation behind WHY we strive to obey God’s
Commandments?**

... and what I mean by asking that is- what is it that *empowers* me to obey? And I see only three kinds of “Obedience”:

1. *Fearful* Obedience
2. *Dutiful* or *Obligatory* Obedience
3. *Joyful* Obedience

... and I want to look briefly at each one.

***Fearful* Obedience**

This is a type of Obedience that is empowered by the individual being terrified that if he *disobeys*- God will judge him or send him to Hell. So, it is Fear that motivate this person to obey. And I would suggest that this kind of Obedience is not uncommon.

***Dutiful* or *Obligatory* Obedience**

This is a form of Obedience that is motivated or empowered by a sense of Duty or a sense of Obligation. So, this individual strives to obey God- because “*I’m supposed to*”; or “*Because it’s the Right thing to do*”; or “*Because the Bible commands it*”. So, this individual strives to obey God because he sees it as his “Duty” to do so. He sees that he is *obligated* to obey because God saved him. So, he *owes* God his Obedience.

Now BOTH “Fearful” as well as this dutiful Obedience IS real, genuine Obedience. So, in that sense- either one of these is infinitely BETTER than blatant “Disobedience”. Because there is some Truth to the Fact that by disobeying God- the individual WILL displeased the Lord and will NOT bring Him Glory. And there is also Truth to the Notion that we DO owe God for saving our wretched souls; and our Obedience IS the “*Right thing to do*”. So, those who engage in either one of these two kinds of Obedience with what God has commanded- are doing much *better* than a person who couldn’t care less or who has no intention of obeying God at all.

Yet I would suggest to you that neither one of these two types of Obedience brings God the maximum Glory- that He is entitled to receive from us. And because that’s true- we should NOT be satisfied with either one of these two Motivations. The Motivation to obey God- after we have been born again; justified; and adopted- that brings God the *greatest* Glory- is us obeying God out of genuine Joy and Delight. That NOTHING makes us *happier* than obeying Him. And that we truly *delight* in our striving to obey. So, we are to *enjoy* our Walk with God. And we are to *relish* our humble Efforts to bring God Glory.

But many times, when the Subject of us doing what God said comes up- it is normally discussed in terms of either “Obedience” or “Disobedience”. So, we either obey or we disobey. But I don’t think that is the BEST Way to talk about this. Why? Because we are human- and even when we DO obey- our Obedience isn’t Perfect- it has flaws in it. Also, many times when we try to obey- we fail. So, I think it *best* to discuss this as a “STRIVING” to obey; an “EFFORT” to obey; and a “DESIRE” to obey.

So, we *strive* to obey- we *want* to obey- we’re *trying* to obey. And yet, MOST OF THE TIME- we “fall short” of actual and complete Obedience. So, we may actually “DO” what God said to do. And that is Obedience. But did we obey- with the correct Motivation and to the correct Goal? And did we obey- without any human Flaws involved? So,

did we obey- *perfectly*? Probably not. Our Goal in obeying God should NOT be that we merely “did it”- but that we obeyed- in a Way- that brings Glory to God and Joy to ourselves.

Listen, it is always Good to obey God. And like I said, *any* form of Obedience is better than Disobedience. But as Bible- believing Christians we must look honestly at our Obedience to make sure it is what the Bible actually commands. So, for example, did we obey “by Grace and through Faith and to God’s Glory ALONE” or did we obey using human Intellect; human Determination; human Will-power; and human Strength? Did we obey in order to be puffed up with Pride precisely because we obeyed? Did our Obedience cause us to be MORE Humble and MORE dependent on God or did it feed our human NEED to be “made much of”?

I would suggest to you that Honesty dictates that the Majority of our Obedience is flawed and falls way short of what God and the Bible demands. So, what is that? Does our flawed Obedience count with God? Is God pleased at all with *any* form of Obedience carried out in any way? And I say, “*Yes!*”

If the ONLY Time God is pleased is when we obey *perfectly*- without any Failure or Flaw- then we will rarely- if ever- be pleasing to God. Why? Because we fail to obey perfectly- MOST OF THE TIME!

But when we judge God to be worthy of our Obedience; when we so value our Lord Jesus that we are willing to STRUGGLE against the Lusts of our Flesh (by the Power of the Holy Spirit) to be joyfully and humbly obedient to what God said- all to His Glory and our Joy- God is both pleased and glorified in that Struggle and NOT merely when we actually succeed.

So, there may be Times when we obey out of Fear. There may be other Times when obeying God just seems like a lot of hard work. And so, our Motivation, during those Times, is both “dutiful” and “obligatory” with little or no Joy at all. Yet we tried! We genuinely *wanted* to obey with the right Motivation and Goal- but we failed in that area- even though we DID obey! And I tell you that God is pleased that you so valued Jesus that you were willing to struggle. God is pleased that you saw that the Motivation was Joy and the Goal was to glorify God- yet when you went about to obey- you may have lost sight of that aspect and used nothing but your own human Will-power. Our Obedience should ALWAYS be a “happy Obedience”. Our Goal

should be to become so radically transformed (by what God alone does for us)- that we see our Obedience to God as being the Pathway to the Fullness of our own Joy. That's the Goal! But even if we fail to achieve that level of Joy- Obedience- *any* Obedience- beats Disobedience every day of the week!

But what about the Rewards Jesus promised in **Matthew 10**? How do we obtain our Rewards if our Obedience is flawed? I want you to go just a little *deeper* with me into this by looking at what the unknown writer said about Moses in **Hebrews 11:24-27**:

24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,

25 choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,

26 considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.

27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.

Now look closely again at verses 26&27:

considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.

Now these two verses tell us that Moses did two things for two reasons. Firstly, Moses...

Consider[ed] the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt

... that's what Moses DID.

He considered being persecuted for the Cause of Jesus Christ to be of a *greater* Value than possessing all the Treasures of Egypt. Moses made the Judgment that it was *infinitely better* to suffer to the Sake of Jesus than it was to have access to all the Treasures of Egypt.

But *WHY* did Moses think like that? Was he simply being Brave? Was he using "human Courage"? Was Moses simply a "better person" than most people? Did he somehow possess a higher sense of "Goodness"?

or “Nobility” than others? What was the Motivation behind *WHY* Moses considered that Suffering for Jesus was a *greater* Value than having all the Treasures of Egypt? God the Holy Spirit “moved” on the unknown Writer to say,

... for [because] he was looking to the reward

The Holy Bible says that Moses’ Motivation behind *WHY* he had the Ability and Desire to “consider the Reproach of Jesus to be greater Riches than the Treasures of Egypt” was the Fact that Moses was “looking to the Reward”. In other words, Moses knew about a Reward that God had promised; and he was *steadfastly* believing in that Reward; *hoping* in it and looking forward to it. And *THAT* is what *empowered* him to be able to consider Suffering for Jesus to be a greater Value than anything Egypt could offer him. Look again at what Jesus said in **Matthew 10:40-42**:

40 "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

41 He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

42 And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward."

Now there are people in the modern Church that don’t believe what Jesus said here. And they will tell you that they do NOT agree with Jesus because they say they strive to obey God simply because God told them to- and they are NOT looking for any Rewards. So, they will tell you that their Motivation for obeying God is strictly because they love God and they neither want nor seek for any Rewards.

And one of the most well- known Proponents of this View was Elizabeth Elliot (1926-2015)- the late Wife of Jim Elliot, who was killed back in 1956 while attempting to evangelize the Auca people. This dear lady *repeatedly* rejected any Concept of getting Rewards from the Lord- either here or in Heaven. And she would say things like, “*Obeying Jesus IS the Reward*”. Sister Elliot taught that we should obey what the Scriptures teach for no other Reason than God has commanded it; and

we should NOT hope for or expect *any* Rewards for doing what we are *supposed* to do.

And that sounds so spiritual and even Selfless- but that View is simply NOT what the Bible clearly and repeatedly teaches. And so, with all due Respect to a dear Saint of God- that View is Unbiblical. Now I absolutely believe that this Woman was fully saved and that she loved God- more than most. And, of course, I agree that we should love God. Loving God is the *greatest* Commandment. So, yes, we should obey because we love God and because God has commanded it.

But if we are to be honest about the Bible- we MUST say that the Bible goes *further* than that- and tells us that we are supposed to *want*; we are to *expect*; and we are to “*look*” for the Rewards of our Obedience! And the Proof of that is the many, many Promises from God that are scattered all over the Bible. What are those Promises for- if not to *empower* us to obey? And in **Matthew 10**- Jesus said that those Rewards are *guaranteed*!

But let’s move even deeper. Because the unknown Writer of **Hebrews** also said that Moses ...

... left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king ...

But again, my Question is, “*Why*”? What was the Motivation behind WHY Moses left Egypt and WHY he did NOT fear the King? The unknown Writer went on to say...

for [because] he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.

Now this Reason sounds different from the first one. The Motivation behind why Moses could consider suffering for Jesus to be *more valuable* than what Egypt had to give- was that Moses was “looking to the Reward”. But here the Motivation behind WHY Moses was able to leave Egypt without fearing the King was..

for [because] he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.

Now the wording here is very strange to me. And I struggled with this Phrase for a long time- until I realized what the Greek root word that was translated here as “**endured**” actually means. This word has to

do with: “*remaining steadfast under difficult Circumstances precisely because of the Promise of something better in the Future!*” So, this word, “**endure**” has to do with Moses steadfastly Believing; Hoping; and Trusting in what God had promised him- under very difficult Circumstances. And that is WHY the writer said that Moses did all of this...

BY FAITH (v. 24)

So, what motivated Moses to “**endure**”? He had both the Desire and Ability to remain Faithful- precisely because he hoped and trusted and believed and had Faith that he would actually “See” God- who is Invisible! And this invisible God that Moses was believing to see- promised him Rewards!

Now some would say, “*Brother Blair, with all due Respect to you- I’m with Elizabeth Elliot on this!*” And my Response would be, “*Fine- you can be with Sister Eliot- but Jesus wasn’t- because in **Hebrews 12:1&2** this same unknown Writer said...*”

1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

The inspired, inerrant, and infallible Word of the living God says that, even though Jesus despised the Shame of the Cross- He *endured* it. Why? NOT simply because He loves us- but...

... For the Joy set before Him...

So, Jesus was willing to remain Faithful to His Father’s Will and die a horrible and agonizing Death- in other words, Jesus was willing to “**endure**”- precisely *because* He believed and hoped and trusted that the Reward that God the Father had promised Him- would be His!

Now all of these things teach me that I am supposed to do three things:

1. I am supposed to learn about what God promised those who obey Him

(Bible Study)

2. I am supposed to believe and hope and trust in what God has promised
(Faith)
3. I am supposed to use the Promise of Rewards as the Motivation behind my
Obedience (Works)

... and I know that this is true because God the Holy Spirit “moved” on those 40 biblical Writers to pen down the many, many Promises from God.

For example, God did NOT command us to “Honor your Mother and Father”- because it was “*the Right Thing to do*”; Or simply “*because He said so*”. No! Here is what God said and WHY He said it:

Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

... and the word, “**that**” in this verse means: “*So that*”.

So, we are to strive to obey God (because we love Him and want to bring Him Glory by obeying Him) and honor our Mother and Father. But- precisely because God went to the Length to give us a Divine Promise that was connected to the Command- we are to use that Promise as a “Motivator” and as a Source of “Empowerment” for our Obedience!

So, in this case, we are to obey the Bible and “**Honor your Father and Mother**”- SO THAT- “**your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you.**”²

And that is us “*Looking forward to the Reward*”! It is having Faith! It is us believing that God is NOT a Liar and that He means what He says! And that’s the ONLY Reason this Promise was put there!

So, we are NOT to simply use our own human Resources to struggle to honor our Father and Mother- because that would glorify us. NO! We are to know and understand the Correct Context of what God has promised in Scripture. And then we are to struggle (by Grace and through Faith in the Power of the Holy Spirit) to use the Promise of that Reward as a “Motivator” or as a Source of “Empowerment” behind the “Good Work” of our flawed Obedience in honoring our Father and

² In the last Message, I went over the correct Context of this Promise.

Mother!

But then when that Effort to obey God becomes difficult; and hard; and seemingly unending; and when our Struggle to obey seems to yield little or no Results- we are then to follow behind Moses and we are to “ENDURE”; we are to persevere; and remain Faithful; and *continue* to trust- because our eyes have been opened and we “SEE HIM WHO IS INVISIBLE”! And we are to allow the Words of Jesus to echo in our ears:

He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.

Now I'm not sure how long this particular Teaching lasted. We can read everything that was recorded that Jesus said from **Matthew 10:5-42** in just a few minutes. I think these 37 verses are probably a Summary of all that Jesus actually taught the men He chose to be His Apostles- and that this Teaching was actually much longer. But even at that- what we have here is True and Inspired and Infallible. But in **Matthew 11:1** the former Tax-collector wrote,

When Jesus had finished giving instructions to His twelve disciples, He departed from there to teach and preach in their cities.

... and Jesus' Ministry as well as the entire World would NEVER be the same again. Because from this moment until this Morning- this World has NEVER been without *multiple* men- very ordinary and common men- all called and chosen by God Himself- to herald this glorious Gospel to as *many* people as possible- every single Day- using *whatever* Means God provides.

But now begins the “*Ministry of the Apostles*”- the amazing, non-repeatable Ministry which was the Forerunner to ALL Christian Ministry throughout History. And Jesus promised those men on that Day,

He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who

sent Me.

... and even though Jesus made that Promise to those twelve men on that Day- we may apply this Reality to our Lives today. Because of the “Great Commission” (**Matthew 28:18-20**)- ALL the Redeemed today have been “sent” by Jesus to obey His Command to...

Matthew 28:19-20a

**19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you...**

... and ALL OF US have been commanded to...

Mark 16:15

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

... and ALL OF US have been commanded to...

Be faithful until death... (The Revelation 2:10a)

... and the Promise behind that Command; that we should know; and believe; and hope in; and trust; and use as Motivation to obey is...

... and I will give you the crown of life. (The Revelation 2:10b)

Amen. Let's pray.

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