

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS**  
**AUGUST 25, 2021**  
**MARK 16.15-20**

**INTRODUCTION: [READ TEXT]**

1. After His resurrection and before His ascension, Jesus commissions His disciples to take the gospel into the world. Three different times, we read about this commission.
  - a) **MATTHEW 28.18-20:** Jesus emphasizes a changed life.
  - b) **MARK 16.15-20:** Jesus emphasizes a changed future.
  - c) **LUKE 24.46-48:** Jesus emphasizes a changed past.
2. In Mark's account, we find Jesus on the first day of the week in Jerusalem when He commissioned His disciples to preach. (Mark 16.14; Luke 24.1)

**I. COMMAND**

**A. MARK 16.15:** *"Go into all the world"*

1. The authority of scripture can be divided into specific and generic commandments.
  - a) SPECIFIC: *"On the first day of the week..."* (1 Cor. 16.2)
  - b) GENERIC: *"let each one of you lay something aside"* (1 Cor. 16.2; cf. 2 Cor. 9.7)
2. We are to go into all the world, but the specifics are entirely up to us.
  - a) Not only are we uncomfortable approaching others, people generally are uncomfortable with being approached for any reason.
  - b) What are some ways that we can individually bring the gospel to the world, especially during an age when cold contacts are uncomfortable? (John 1.43-46)

**B. MARK 16.15:** *"preach the gospel to every creature"*

1. Preach (kerusso): to herald a message of authority. Imperative. A snapshot action.
2. Gospel (euaggelion): Eu – "good."; Aggelion – "message" (Rom. 10.15)
3. Every Creature (pas ktisis): Literally, to all creation. (Col. 1.23; Rom. 10.18)

**II. CONDITIONS**

**A. MARK 16.16:** *"He who believes and is baptized shall be saved."*

1. Not two separate and independent actions. One depends on the other.
  - a) Faith is generated by the word of God and results in action. (Gen. 15.4-6)
  - b) **GALATIANS 3.26,27:** Faith + Baptism = Being in Christ.
2. Notice the order in which these actions take place. (Acts 2.38, 10.43,48; 22.16)
3. **MARK 16.16:** *"shall be saved."* (cf. Heb. 10.39; James 1.21; 5.20)

**B. MARK 16.16:** *"but he who does not believe will be condemned."*

1. Why does Jesus not mention baptism in this second statement?
2. **MARK 16.16:** *"will be condemned"* (cf. Rom. 5.12,18)

**C. With life and death in the balance, preaching the gospel is serious. (2 Cor. 2.14-17)**

**III. CONFIRMATION**

**A. MARK 16.17:** *"And these signs will follow those who believe:"*

1. **MARK 16.17:** *"In My name they will cast out demons"* (Acts 16.16-19; 19.11,12)
2. **MARK 16.17:** *"they will speak with new tongues."* (Acts 2.4; 19.6; 1 Cor. 14)
3. **MARK 16.18:** *"they will take up serpents"* (Acts 28.1-6)

**B. What is the purpose of a sign?**

1. The purpose of the sign is to indicate something. (Matt. 16.1-4; Acts 2.22)
2. What were these signs designed to indicate? (Mark 16.19,20; Heb. 2.3,4)