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The Bible verse often referred to as the “**Great Commission**” ⇒ Matthew 28:19 says, “And coming up Jesus talked with them, saying, All authority in Heaven and on earth was given to Me. Then having gone, disciple all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things, whatever I commanded you. And, behold, I am with you all the days until the completion of the age. Amen.” Other Scriptures show people being sent out to share the Gospel, too.

Such people are usually called missionaries. However: anyone with any message can say they are a missionary... within *or* without Christianity, *or* with a mix (for example: Christian label without Christian living). Jesus addressed this by defining what He wants: ***Biblical education authenticated by Biblical obedience***. False / self-made ‘missionaries’ self-expose by their lives ⇒ Luke 6:44; John 15:2. We need not be led or fooled by such.

***Different communications*** of the Gospel exist among those sent, which the Apostle Paul says he is glad that the Gospel is being preached somehow ⇒ 1 Corinthians 3:7-8. However: if a ***different Gospel*** is being preached, Paul says that person is to be excommunicated ⇒ Galatians 1. The New Testament church came through Jesus’ ***Apostles: the ones who interacted with Jesus Christ in person***. Untaught people may call themselves Apostles; they most likely intend no harm, but that title is nevertheless Biblically inappropriate. It is more accurate to say their motivational gifting is apostolic.

***This matters because ignorance propagates cults***. Heresy involves the refusal of Biblical correction ⇒ 2 Timothy 3:16-17; God will filter out these wrongdoers *eventually* ⇒ Matthew 13:24-30; use discernment for protection, but remember God is *waiting* to give them time to repent; do not ‘minister condemnation’ to them ⇒ 2 Corinthians 3:9 but pray for the ministry of helpful instruction / life to them instead ⇒ 2 Corinthians 3.

***Some typical errors*** include sins of omission (leaving certain truths out) and sins of commission (adding certain falsehood in). Some Orthodox groups have left out the New Testament definition of the Holy Spirit. Some Pentecostal groups have concocted ideas by taking Scripture out of context. Orthodox groups faithfully maintain the theology established in the church formed by Jesus’ Apostles, and Pentecostal groups embrace the signs and wonders in the Bible. Satan knows ***God wants both*** so he tries to divide these groups using their emphases: don’t go there; use the ***whole*** counsel of God ⇒ Acts 20:27.

***So: God Does Not Want Missionaries***; but ***He does want Great Commission-aries***. In other words: God is not looking for people with their ***own*** spiritual agenda; stay home if that is you. God is looking for passionate servants of ***HIS*** agenda... per Matthew 28:19 ⇒ the “**Great Commission**.” Just as Jesus put down His own will (as God) while on earth to become our high priest to God ⇒ John 5:30, so we likewise have to put down our own will and agenda to be able to be ministers / priests to God ⇒ Revelation 1:5-6.

***This means: we fail if we preach something and people change their mind***; that is ***not*** Christianity, but ***Gnosticism***. Instead, we disciple people to help them develop relational intimacy with God. Don’t promote ***heresy***; be a ***great missionary***: make disciples! ♥