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earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and  
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**teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and  
lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”**

**- Matthew 28:18-20**



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“He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; **the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.**”

- John 12:48



**“Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; **the one who abides in the teaching**, he has both the Father and the Son.”**

**- 2 John 9**



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- Acts 2:42



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- Teaching the word of God (Matthew 28:19).



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Peter said to them, “**Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins;** and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

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