



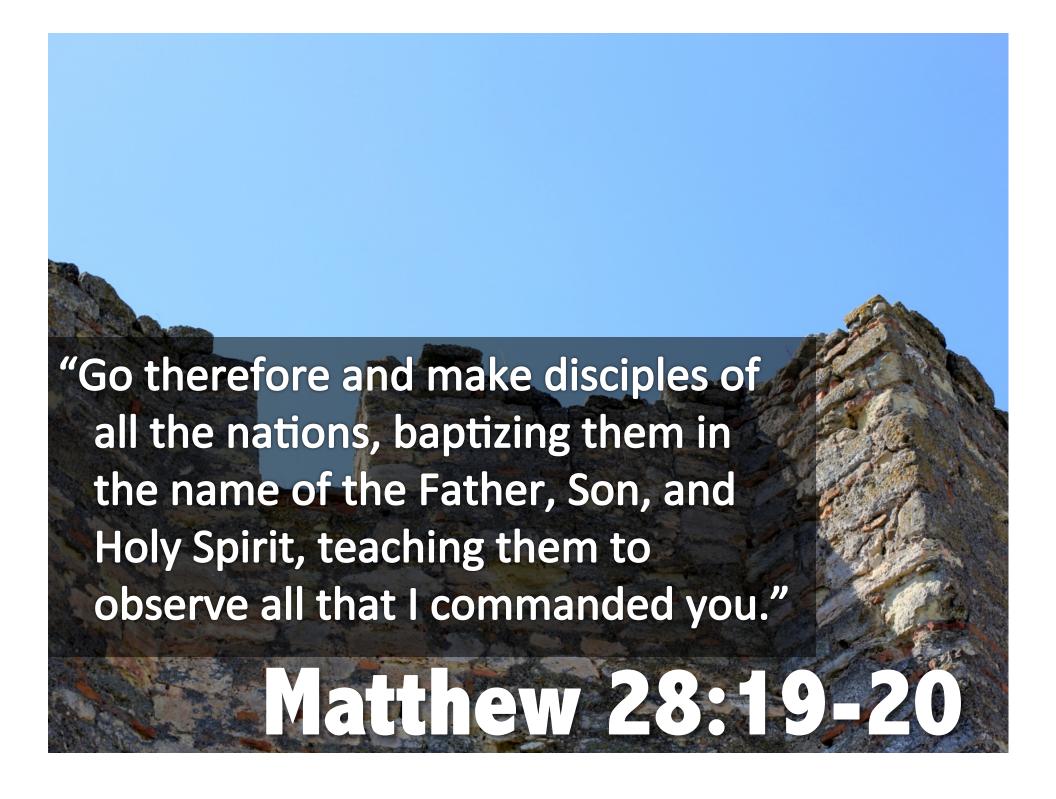




- All people use the same basic forms of communication to convey an idea.
- We make direct statements (a command, question, etc.).
- We leave an example to follow (or not follow).
- And we expect certain inferences to be drawn.

The Bible For A Changing World

- The great thing about the Word is that it fits all cultures, for all time. Understanding the generic and specific aspects of it is the key to applying it properly.
- A statement in the Bible might be general, leaving many options authorized. But when God is specific, all other options are unauthorized.
- Ask yourself: does my choice somehow alter the fundamental nature of a Bible concept?







Authorized or Specified?





- Genesis 6:14-16 Gopher wood specific, all other options necessarily excluded.
- Exodus 12:5 Lamb had to be unblemished and male, but there might be several lambs that fit that description.
- Uzzah Only Levites could move the Ark, all other tribes excluded.

NT Examples

- Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16

 What is God specific about
 here, and what does He leave
 open-ended?
- Hebrews 10:25 authorizes a place to worship, and numerous examples show that the place is not specific.
- Notice the way inference in these examples is necessary!



Having a church building with bathrooms and classrooms does not fundamentally alter our activities as a church – those things actually make obedience to authorized activities easier!

A gymnasium, praise band, or fellowship hall alter the activities themselves. Nowhere are we authorized, as a function of our church, to play sports, host purely social events, or use musical instruments.

So why object to so many other innovations?