

THE PROMISE AND ITS PURPOSE (part-seven of a seven-part study)

We cannot overlook the final aspect of the Great Commission imperative where Jesus tells His earliest disciples and by application, all of us –

“ . . . and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

The word “lo” calls attention to the significance of how Christ concludes His mandate. He wants His followers throughout the Church Age to know that the success of the building project known as Christ’s Church, rests ultimately with Him and not with us. Even though our Savior will use us throughout the entire process, we can also be certain that He will do what only He can do, in empowering and protecting us. He has pledged to build His Church and He will fulfill that promise. Even the grammatical construction of this mandate reveals how the application of Christ’s redemptive work rests completely upon the shoulders of our Savior.

Simply put, Jesus Christ is telling us as His followers, that He has our back! He will be with us every step of the way. So, if the Lord and Master of the universe has our back, what do we need to worry about? Of what should we be afraid? Why in the world would we feel the need to supplement His all-encompassing support and protection by holding hands with a psychologist or politician? Why would you insult your Lord and Savior by engaging in such a completely unnecessary relationship or alliance? If Jesus is for us, who can be against us? If He is with us, we can have the utmost confidence in being fellow workers with Him, in the building of His Church.

As we begin this new year of 2023, all of us should take the time to re-evaluate our priorities as Christians. Perhaps our trust hasn’t been focused where it should be. Maybe we have been seeking to do God’s will in our own way, engaged in a building project that doesn’t have Jesus Christ and His redemptive work as its foundation. It’s not too late to make a change for the better in our service for Him.

Sincerely in Christ,

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