

The Great Commission According to John

John. 20: 19-22

I. The sedition of the timid disciples
behind closed doors. v. 19a

- are we afraid of the obstacles in the way?
- this is what is keeping back Revival in Cal.

II. The appearance of the risen Savior. v. 19b, 20a

- the risen Lord always appears in our midst whenever 2 or 3 gather in His name.

III. The joy of the believing disciples. v. 20b

- joy always follows belief, faith
- when we see Jesus discouragement disappears
- you who said "it must be wonderful to believe..."

IV. The Savior's salutation - peace. v. 21a

- they had no reason to be afraid.

John 15: 13

V. His commission - "I send you" v. 21b

- "as the Father hath sent me" - not against His will
- Eyeball's commission ch. 2: 23-8

VI. His inspired request of the Holy Ghost. v. 22

- Luke also connects the coming of the H.S. with the commission to evangelize (24: 49)

VII. The responsibility of the disciples authority - v. 23

- to remit sins - going & preaching
- to retain sins - disobedience

Webster's Universal Dictionary

To retain: "to hold or keep in possession; to keep from departure or escape; not to lose, part with, or dismiss."

If we don't obey, and go to warn them, we retain their sins, and they keep their sins and perish with them, but their blood is on our hands. Ezech. 3