

Text, Context and The Soul
The Divine Conspiracy #5

**The Gospel Of The Kingdom And
Discipleship To Christ**

NON-DISCIPLE 'CHRISTIANS'

- The now universal assumption that you can be a Christian and not a disciple of Jesus.
- The loss of any precise meaning of “disciple” in New Testament terms.
- No serious question of actually doing what Jesus said.

Three Parts of The Great Commission



1. Make disciples, apprentices to Jesus in kingdom living.
2. Submerge them in the Trinitarian life that flows in the community of disciples of Jesus. Baptism symbolizes this.
3. Teach these disciples to do — showing them how to do — everything Jesus said.

What is a Disciple?

- **One who is with Jesus, learning to be like Him.**
- **Learning from Him how to lead my life as He would lead my life if He were I.**
- **His apprentice in Kingdom Living.**
- **The easy way of living.**

The Gospel Heard Does Not Produce Disciples

- Our result is due to the message we preach, or at least the one that is heard.
- It does not have a natural tendency to produce disciples.
- “Your system is perfectly designed to produce the result you are getting.”

Three “Gospels” Are Heard At Present

1. Your sins will be forgiven and you will be in heaven in the afterlife if you believe that Jesus suffered your sin penalty.
2. Jesus died to liberate the oppressed and you can stand with him in that battle.
3. Do what your church says, and it will see to it that you are received by God.

SIN MANAGEMENT

These are all gospels of sin management, not gospels of regeneration and new life from above, *NOW*, in the present kingdom of the heavens under its living Lord Jesus Christ.