

## APPENDIX A

### CHART ILLUSTRATING WHAT HAS BEEN TAUGHT BY SOME BRETHREN ON THE GREAT COMMISSION

Author	Matt. 28	Mark 16	Luke 24	John 20	Acts 1
Boles	28:18-20	16:15-16	24:46-49	20:21-23	1:6-8
Borden	28:19-20	16:15-16	24:46-49	?	?
Camp	28:18-20	16:15-20	24:44-49	20:21-23	?
Campbell, A	28:17-20	16:15-20	24:48-49	20:21-23	1:8
Campbell, T	28:19-20	16:15-16	24:44-49	?	1:1-9
Colley	28:18-20	16:15-16	24:46-47	20:21-23	?
Dorris	28:18-20	16:14-18	24:36-49	20:19-23	1:7-8
Franklin	28:18-20	16:15-18	24:46-47	?	?
Hamilton	28:18-20	16:15-16	24:46-49	20:21-23	1:4-5
Hansbrough	28:18-20	16:15-16	24:46-49	20:22-23	?
Johnson, A.	28:16-20	16:15-20	24:44-51	20:21-23	1:1-9
Lipscomb	28:18-20	16:15-20	24:45-49	20:21-23	1:4, 5, 7
McGarvey	28:16-20	16:14-18	24:36-49	20:19-23	1:1-8
Milligan	28:18-20	16:15-16	24:48	?	?
Nichol	28:16-20	16:15-16	24:46-49	20:21-23	1:8
Nichols	28:18-20	16:14-20	24:46-49	20:20-23	1:5-8
Quick	28:18-20	16:15-20	24:44-49	20:23	1:1-8
Scott	28:18-20	16:15-16	?	20:21-23	1:8
Shepherd	28:18-20	16:15-20	24:45-49	20:23	1:4, 5, 7
Simmons	28:18-20	16:15-16	24:46-49	20:21	?
Southern	28:18-20	16:15-16	24:46-49	20:21-23	?
Sweeney	?	16:15-18	?	?	1:1-2
Taylor	28:18-20	16:15-16	24:47-ff.	20:21-23	1:8
Vick	28:18-20	16:14-16	24:45-48	20:21-23	?
Wallace	28:18-20	16:15-16	24:46-49	20:21-23	1:3-8
Warren	28:18-20	16:15-16	24:44-49	?	1:5-8
Whiteside	28:16-20	16:15-16	24:45-49	20:21-23	1:1-8
Willcut	28:18-20	16:15-20	24:46-49	20:21-23	?
Winters	28:18-20	16:15-20	24:47-49	20:23	1:8
Woods	28:18-20	16:15-16	24:46-47	20:21	?
Fox, Marion	28:18-20	16:15-20	24:44-49	20:21-23	1:1-8

## HOW DO WE KNOW WHEN ONE IS TEACHING THAT THE GREAT COMMISSION WAS LIMITED TO THE APOSTLES?

Perhaps I took too much for granted when I assumed that the readers of the first edition would: “Reason” from the quotes of various writers (Chapter Two and Appendix A). I assumed that the reader would draw: “Necessary inferences” from the quotes of Chapter Two and Appendix A.

### THE SCRIPTURES TEACH IN TWO WAYS

God teaches, through the Scriptures, in two ways: (1) Explicitly and (2) implicitly. It is plain that men also teach in these two manners. Sound brethren have always recognized this distinction in the manner of the Lord teaching men, why have some not recognized that the same principle applies to the teaching of men?

Some of those of Chapter Two and Appendix A plainly teach (explicitly teach) that the Great Commission was limited to the apostles: Campbell [pp. 23-25], A. Johnson [p. 26], (Borden [pp. 31-35], Lipscomb [p. 41 and 124-125], B. W. Johnson [p. 43], Shepherd [p. 46 and 124-125], and Zerr [pp. 47-48]).<sup>1</sup>

Some of those of Chapter Two and Appendix A teach by necessary inference (implicitly teach) that the Great Commission was limited to the apostles: (Whiteside [pp. 27-28 and 45-47], Milligan [pp. 28-30 and p. 72], Wallace [pp. 36-38 and 122-123], Dorris [pp. 38-40], and McGarvey, pp. 43-45, 67-68, and 112).<sup>127</sup>

I would like to make some short arguments setting forth how we know that one has implicitly taught that the Great Commission was limited to the apostles. CHART GC-2

1-If the GC granted apostolic power, then it was limited to the apostles. (Wallace [p. 38] and Whiteside [pp. 28 and 46])<sup>127</sup>

2-If the GC entailed baptism in the Holy Spirit, then it was limited to the apostles. (Whiteside [p. 27] and Wallace [p. 38])<sup>2</sup>

3-If the GC included bearing witness, then it was limited to the first century and possibly to the apostles.<sup>128</sup>

4-If the GC included being endured with power from on high, then it was limited to the apostles. (Whiteside [p. 27], Wallace [p. 38], and Whiteside [p. 46])<sup>128</sup>

5-If the GC entailed being an ambassador for Christ, then it was limited to the apostles. (Milligan [p. 30] and Wallace [p. 37])<sup>128</sup>

6-If the GC entailed authority to remit (forgive) and retain sin, then it was limited to the apostles. (Whiteside [p. 28], McGarvey [p. 44], and Whiteside [p. 47])<sup>128</sup>

7-If non-apostles were not required to go as the apostles were to go, then the GC was limited to the apostles. (Milligan [p. 29])<sup>128</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> These page numbers are from this book (Fox, 2007).

<sup>2</sup> These page numbers are from this book (Fox, 2007).

8-If the GC entailed a promise of inspiration, then it was limited to the first century. (Wallace [p. 38] and Camp [p. 111])<sup>128</sup>

9-If the GC is: “The Apostolic Commission,” then it was limited to the apostles. (Dorris [p. 39] and McGarvey [p. 43, 44, and 118])<sup>128</sup>

10-If the GC entailed a commandment to: “... tarry in Jerusalem,” then it was limited to the apostles. (McGarvey [p. 44] and Whiteside [p. 46])<sup>128</sup>

If we employ both sound reasoning and sound hermeneutics, we will draw the proper conclusion that many of these men taught that the Great Commission was limited to the apostles. Other writings of these men also reveal that they limited the Great Commission to the apostles.

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<sup>3</sup> In several instances (in the volumes cited above) brother Camp limits the Great Commission to the apostles, but in this volume he applies it to 20<sup>th</sup> century people. It is possible that his application to 20<sup>th</sup> century people is through implication and is not a primary application of the Great Commission to modern day people. (Just as M. Fox applies parts to 21<sup>st</sup> century people.)

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Note: One \* following a reference indicates that the writer limited the Great Commission to the apostles.

Note: Two \*\* indicates that the writer only stated that the Great Commission was for the apostles (he did not explicitly apply the Great Commission to non-apostles), but neither explicitly nor implicitly stated that it was “only for the apostles.”

Note: Thomas Warren and Howard Winters both seemed to limit the Great Commission to the apostles, but each one made an ambiguous statement that could possibly be interpreted to mean that he applied the Great Commission to non-apostles.

Several of the above writers limited parts of the Great Commission to the apostles (or to the age of miracles), but claimed the Great Commission was for all Christians of all times. (Clearly, we have a hermeneutical problem here.)

Many of the above writers were inconsistent in that they either explicitly or implicitly limited parts of the Great Commission to either the apostles or to the first century (age of miracles), but they explicitly claimed that the Great Commission was for all Christians.