



# The Anchor Hour Newsletter

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## The Lamenting Christian

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**Mat 28:18-20** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.** **19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

These verses are the most known and concise commands to the Christian in the Word of God. In these verses we have a command, four stages of Christian growth; we can also see our failure in being the Christian that the Lord laid out here for us to be. These verses are the template for **the serious Christian**. The serious Christian is to be obedient.

Sadly, for the most part, the modern Christian only goes so far. Here is the pattern for Laodicea.

**Our liberty-**“ **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,...**’ Lost men being obedient to the Gospel. The burden of sin is lifted and the gentle yoke of the Saviour is taken.

**Our limit-**“ **... baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**”

New Christian being obedient to the ordinance.

**Our laziness-**“ **to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:**” The Christian obedient to

“go on unto perfection” This is where the gentle yoke seems heavy. This is where most do not obey, or go on.

### **Our lament-**

” **Teaching them to observe all things**” The mature Christian obedient to teach the new Christian and seeking the lost. It is sad to know that most Christians feel heaviness and regret when the preacher/missionary exhorts us to “**Go ye therefore**” and realizing the wasted years, the entanglement in the

world. We have not obeyed the command to be taught that we may observe the commands of the Saviour that saved our soul. We have done little to “work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”

It is time for the lamenting Christian to have a Simon Peter moment “**Luke 22:62** And Peter went out, and wept bitterly. Peter became the serious Christian.