

“Discipling the Nations”
Matthew 28:18-20

His lord said therefore unto him, “Well done thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.” Matthew 25:21

I. The apostles sent to disciple the nations Matt 28:18-20

The promise of his authority v. 18
Baptizing v. 19
Teaching v. 20a
The promise of his presence v. 20b

II. The apostles to be Christ’s witness Acts 1:8

The promise of power v. 8a

Witness to the whole world v. 8b

III. Witnesses of joy

The announcement of Jesus’ incarnation Luke 2:9-11

The result of his ascension Luke 24:50-53

The Eucharist as memorial Luke 22:19-20
See Acts 2:41-47

Jesus gave the kingdom to his church Luke 22:29-30

Eucharist is the communion of Christ I Cor 10:15-17
It is entering into the joy of Christ!

The church is to be witness to restored joy in the world.

Eucharistic joy shall fill the earth when the church goes forth in joy.