



We read in Matthew 28:18-20, *"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"*

What better way to demonstrate living our baptized life in Christ is there than to heed what the Lord said before His ascension! This is the full reason behind our Mission 1-1-1 contributions, now and moving forward.

Let's break it down:

- We have Power because all authority has been given to Jesus.
- We have Purpose because Jesus has told us what to do with His Power: to go and make disciples of all nations.
- We have Practice in that He tells us how to make disciples—through baptizing and teaching.
- We have the Promise of His Presence now and always, which then brings us back to His Power to do what he has commanded.
- Living our baptized life in Christ is allowing ourselves to be a part of this plan.

*"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."* John 3: 17