The Task Before Us

- The Labor of the G.C. is to Reproduce the Faith

Matthew 28:19-20 & 1 Peter 3:15
Go therefore and make disciples...

- Families birth children.
- Churches rebirth God’s children.
- Failed families produce immature adults.
- Failed churches produce immature believers.
- Maturity in Adulthood $\neq$ Maturity in Faith

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Give Away Your Faith

...Have no fear of them
In your hearts, honor Christ the Lord as holy...

• The G.C. assumes you engage people.
• The Minor Commission assumed it would be messy.
• Sanctifying Christ in our hearts removes the fear.

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• The Fulfillment of the G.C. Requires Defending the Faith

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Defend Your Faith

...Be prepared to make a defense and give a reason for the hope within you. Do this with gentleness and respect. Have a good conscience...

• Do you have more proof of the power of the gospel than your own religious experience?
• Does your (anti)religious behavior overshadow the proof of the gospel?

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Engage Other Faiths

...Baptizing them and Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

• We need not fear the truth of the gospel.
• We need not fear the error of the world.
• The church is failing
  • The world has better arguments.
  • We don’t have the right programs.
  • Religion is outdated.

Matthew 28:19-20 & 1 Peter 3:15

The church is failing because believers stay in Christian bubbles.

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Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations. Don’t be afraid of them. Instead, honor Christ the Lord as holy in your hearts. Always be prepared to make a defense and give a reason for the hope within you. You do this with gentleness and respect which is your good conscience. Then you can baptize them and you will teach them all you know about Jesus.

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