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**The Great Commission Calls for Full Participation**

*-from every believer-*

Col. 4:7-18

If in the church we rely on ‘one-man bands’ and have too many bystanders who enjoy being entertained but offer little support, the advancement of the gospel of Jesus Christ will be negatively impacted.

“As members of the body of Christ, we are called to cooperate and collaborate as we serve Jesus and partner with each other to fulfill his mission and build his kingdom” (Scott Pace)

**Three characteristics of ‘all-in’ disciples:**

**1.‘All-in’ disciples personally serve Christ & willingly share his message (vs. 4-7)**

* Knowing who you are & whose you are will keep you from getting overwhelmed & giving up on the mission (Rom. 1:1; 1 Cor. 6:20)
* Do my actions affirm that I can be considered a trustworthy messenger for Christ?
* Being redeemed changes our identity and gives us new purpose
* The Lord commissions all believers as “ambassadors” of Christ to carry the “message of reconciliation” (2 Cor. 5:17-20)

*Are you ‘all-in’?*

**2. ‘All-in’ disciples actively encourage & build up the body of Christ (vs. 10-14)**

* In Christ we have the blessing of being part of God’s family (1:2, 4:15; Gal.3:26)
* Every child in God’s family is significant & plays an important role in his plan (1 Cor. 12:12-14, 24-27)
* We can encourage & build up the body of Christ through prayer & sacrificially serving one another.
* Pray constantly
* Pray fervently
* Pray specifically
* We are called to encourage one another & build each other up (1 Thess. 5:11)

*Are you ‘all-in’?*

**3. ‘All-in’ disciples faithfully support the global reach of the church (vs. 15-18)**

* Participating in the Great Commission reminds us that Christ’s mission for the church includes reaching both our community and beyond (1:6)
* All citizens of Christ’s Kingdom are called to serve him by fulfilling the Great Commission, through his power & grace (Mt. 28:16-20; Acts 1:8)
* “The ministry of Jesus and his disciples was NOT one of passive observation, it was always one of ACTIVE OBEDIENCE” (Daniel Akin)

*Are you ‘all-in”?*