

Back To School
Homework Assignments Part 2

Reading: [Philippians 1:27](#)

Introduction:

- When Jesus died, He continued to be a teacher.
 - His 7 statements from the cross teach us.
 - His final commission teaches us
 - Even as He ascended into heaven, we taught us.
- Jesus was the Master Teacher, and as a teacher, He gave assignments.

1. Believe the Gospel

- This **beginner level** assignment is a required assignment [Mark 1:15](#) saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

[John 3:15–17](#) that whoever **believes** in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever **believes** in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

- Everyone has to have this assignment before progressing [Acts 2:38](#) Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let **every one of you** be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

2. Walk Worthy of the Gospel

- This assignment is also required of everyone, but follows the first [Philippians 1:27](#) Only let your **conduct** be **worthy** of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel
- Once we obey the gospel, we live it.
 - We continue to learn, but we practice what we learn.

[Colossians 3:17](#) And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

- Peter said, the gospel affects every aspect of our lives:

[1 Peter 4:7–11](#) But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be **serious** and **watchful** in your prayers. And above all things have fervent **love** for one another, for “*love will cover a multitude of sins.*” Be **hospitable** to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, **minister** it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone **speaks**, *let him speak* as the oracles of God. If anyone **ministers**, *let him do it* as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- Our assignment then is to grow in Christ and his teachings [2 Peter 3:18](#)

3. Spread the Gospel

- A more advanced level of education is to apply what we have learned. Maybe we could call this **career advancement**
 - We can’t just go to school all our lives and never use the teachings
 - It’s like learning everything there is to know about bicycles, but never getting on one to ride it.
 - What’s more: we all use our education to be productive. At some point our education will affect the lives of others
- The NT uses the phrase “preach the gospel” 12 times
 - Jesus told us to do it, which is enough:

[Mark 16:15–16](#) And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

- His followers repeated it several times to remind us of His assignment
 - ♦ Peter

[Acts 2:22–24](#) “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. [Acts 2:36](#) “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

- ♦ Philip

[Acts 8:35](#) Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

- At some point all of us need to stop being the students and be the teachers [Hebrews 5:12](#) For though by this time **you ought to be teachers**, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

Conclusion

- We all have assignments to do
 - Some of us may have beginner assignments: Obeying the gospel
 - Some of us may have some more learning to do: Living the gospel
 - Some of us may be ready to step into the real world with our education and spread the gospel to others
- Wherever we are, let’s all do our homework for the kingdom of God