Providing Resources for
Rethinking & Implementing
Biblical Principles and Practices

Making-Followers Process in Acts & the Epistles



MATTHEW 28:19-20

of all the nations, <u>baptizing them</u> in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 <u>teaching them</u> to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.



MATTHEW 28:19-20 Option "A"

Grammatical Analysis

All three participles are subordinate circumstantial (or adverbial) participles, which express the manner the action of the main verb is carried out. Each participle ends in "ing."

	P	Going
V		Make Disciples
	P	Baptizing
	P	Teaching

Translation

As you are going make disciples, baptizing them and teaching them.

MATTHEW 28:19-20 Option "B"

Grammatical Analysis

All three participles are attendant circumstance participles, which are dependent on but not subordinate to the main verb. They take on the mood (imperative force) of the main verb and are translated as finite verbs, being connected by "and."

P		Go

V Make Disciples

P Baptize

P Teach

Translation

Go and make disciples and baptize them and teach them.

MATTHEW 28:19-20 Option "C"

Grammatical Analysis

The first participle is an attendant circumstance participle, which is dependent on but not subordinate to the main verb. It takes on the mood (imperative force) of the main verb and is translated as a finite verb, being connected by "and." The remaining two participles are subordinate circumstantial (or adverbial) participles, which express the manner the action of the main verb is carried out. Each participle ends in "ing."

P	Go
V	Make Disciples
P	Baptizing
P	Teaching

Translation

Go and make disciples, baptizing them and teaching them.

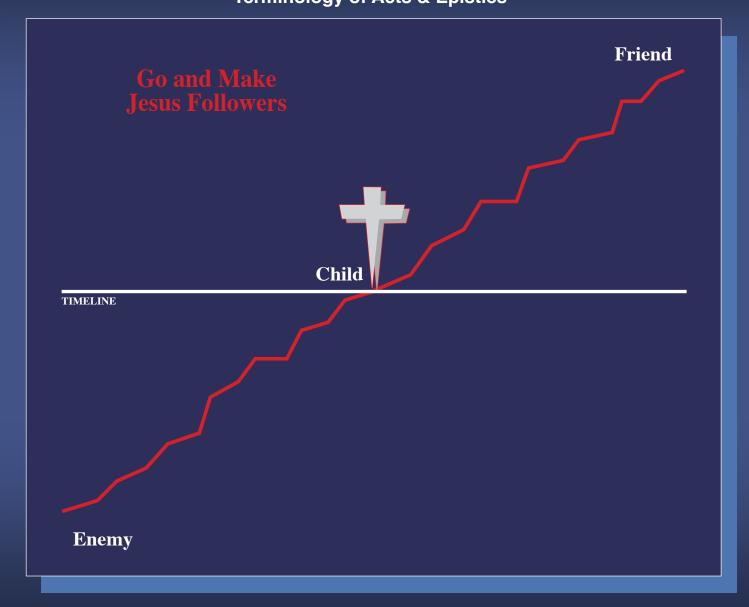
MATTHEW 28:19-20 Terminology of the Gospels

What	"Go and Make Disciples" (Participle + Main Verb—Imperative)		
When	Continuous Process (Ongoing)		
Where	Wherever You Are (Varying Locations)		
Who	"All Nations"		
Which	Curious Disciples (Matt 5:1)	Convinced Disciples (Jn 2:1-11)	Committed Disciples (Lk 9:23-26)
How	Revealing Christ (Walk & Talk)	"Baptizing Them" (Birth)	"Teaching Them" (Growth)

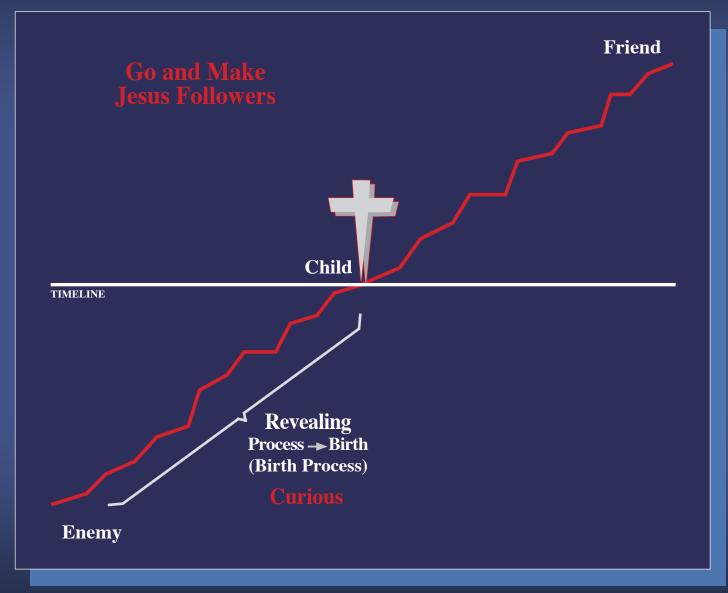
MATTHEW 28:19-20 Transition into Acts & Epistles Terminology

What	"Go and Make Followers" (Participle + Main Verb—Imperative)		
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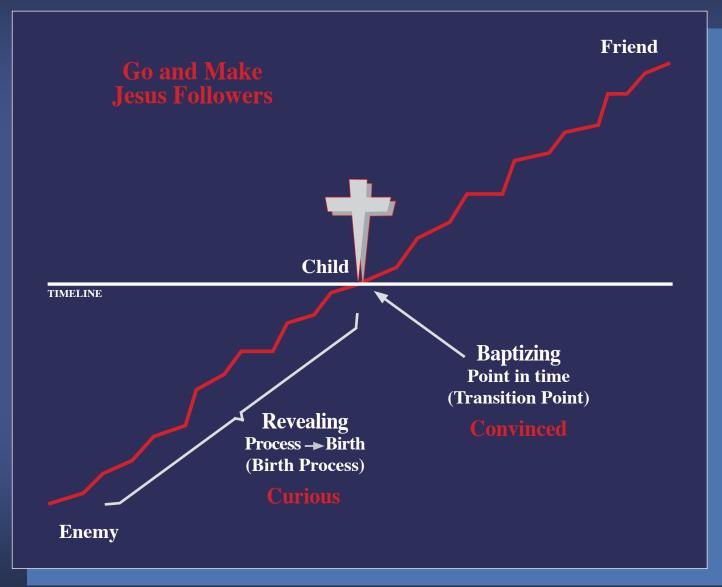
BELIEVER'S COMMISSION Terminology of Acts & Epistles



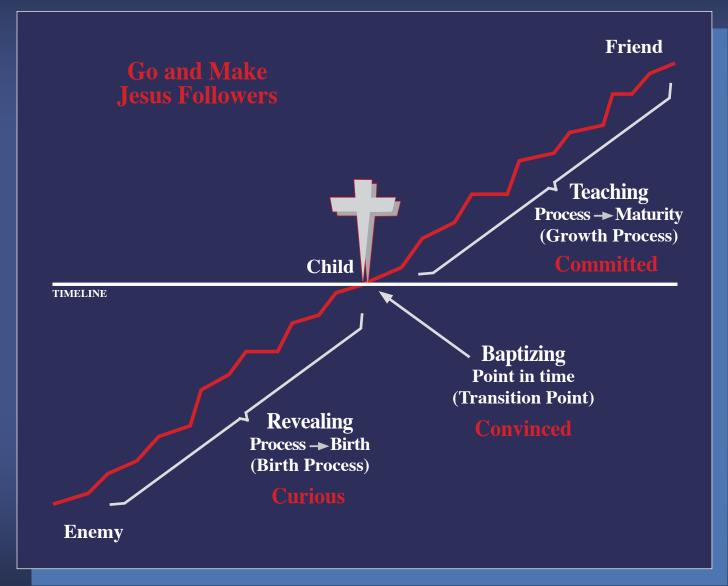
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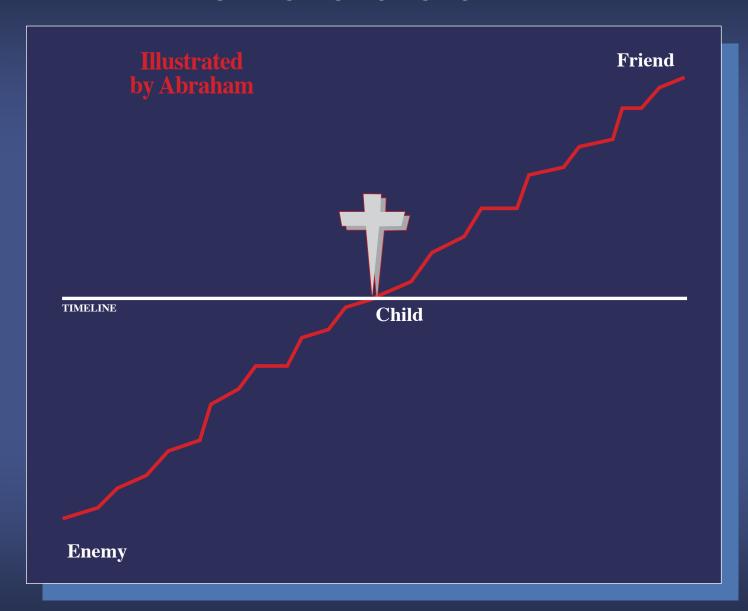
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LORD (Unknowingly)	LORD (Positionally)	LORD (Experientially)
Process I	Birth Proce	ss Growth

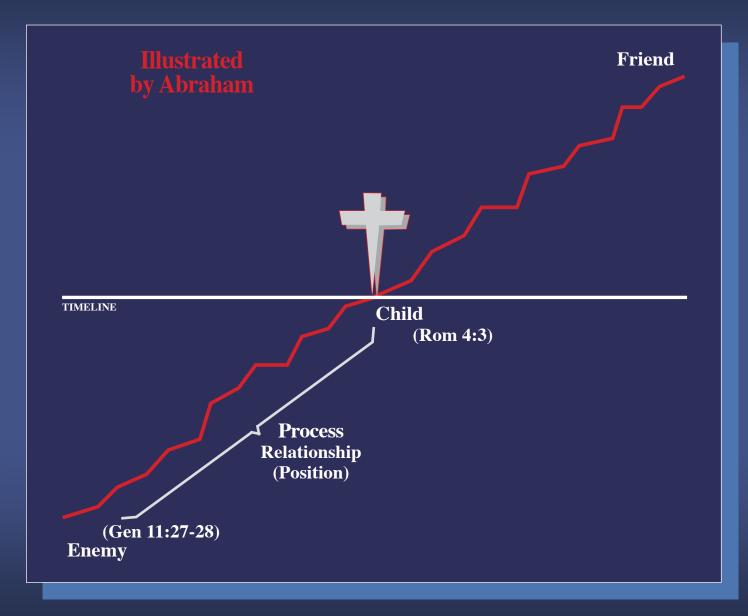
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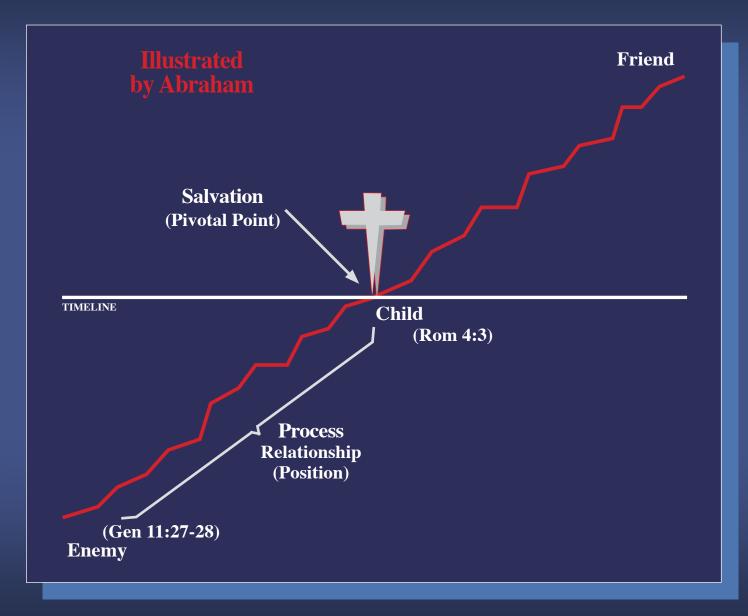
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LORD (Unknowingly)	LORD (Positionally)	LORD (Experientially)
Life-Long Rejection of Christ	One-Time Reception of Christ	Ongoing Influence by Spirit
Process I	Birth Proces	s — Growth

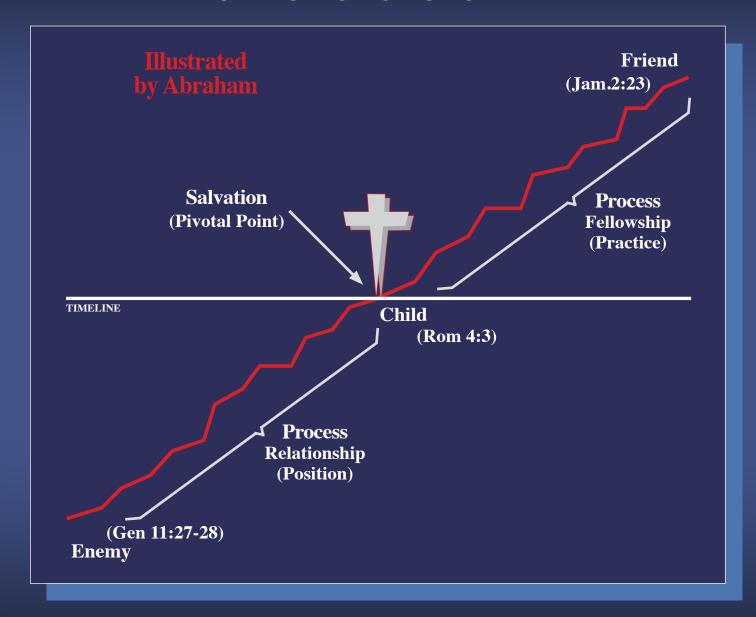
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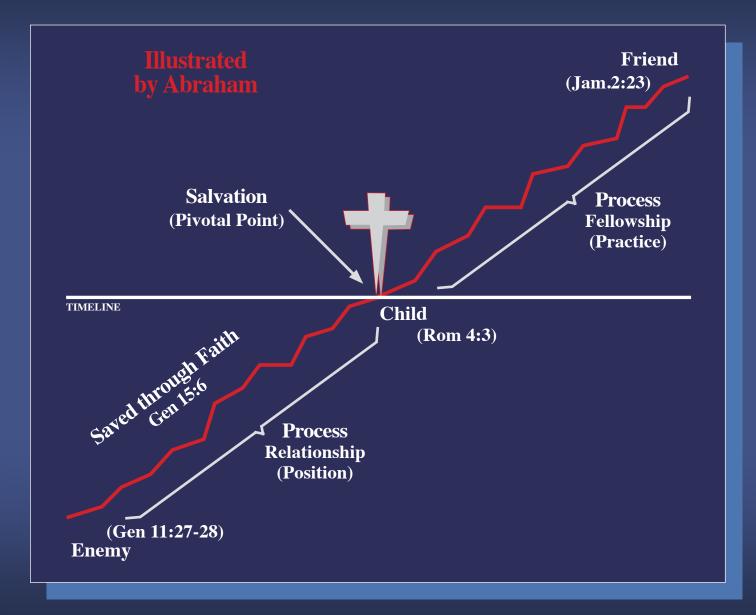
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FOLLOWERS	FOLLOWERS	FOLLOWERS
LORD	LORD	LORD
(Unknowingly)	(Positionally)	(Experientially)
Life-Long Rejection	One-Time Reception	Ongoing Influence
of Christ	of Christ	by Spirit
Rebellion	Relationship	Fellowship
from Christ	with Christ	with Christ
Eternal Death	Eternal Life	Abundant Life
Enemy of God	Child of God	Friend of God
Process> B	Birth Proces	s Growth

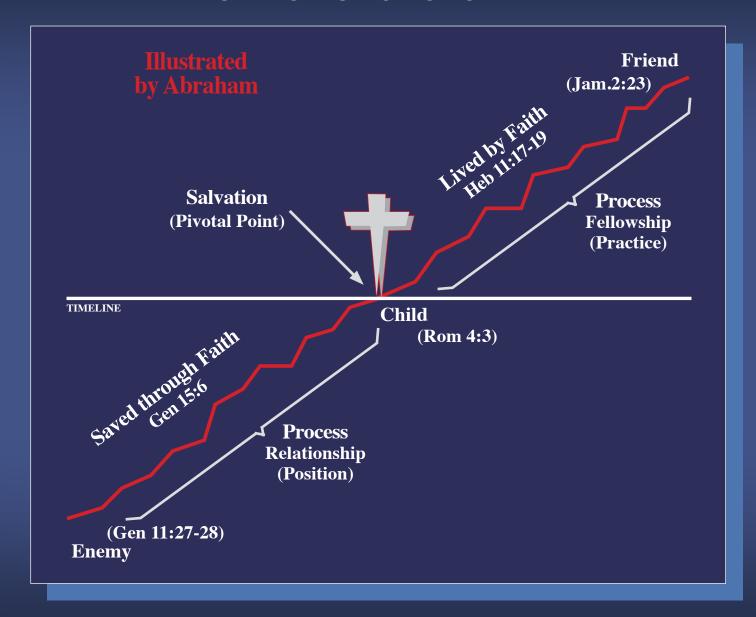


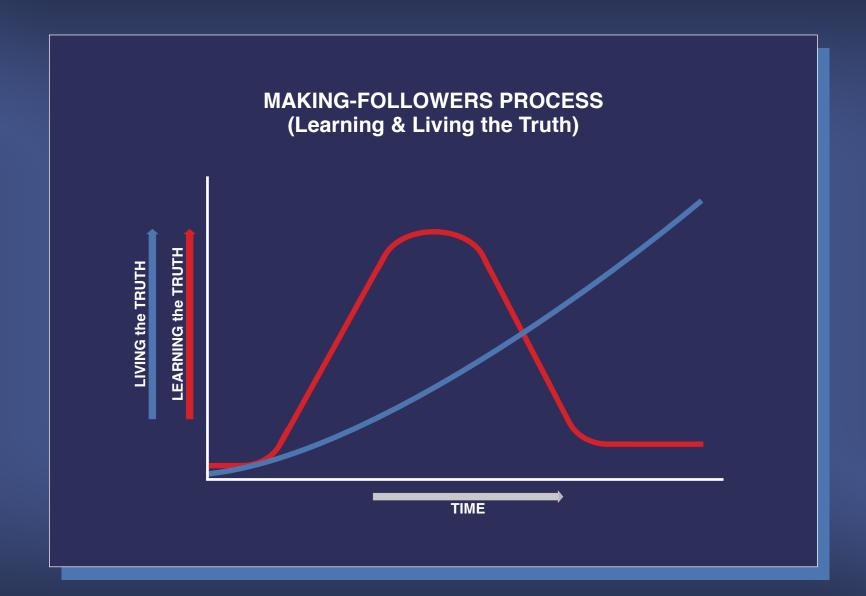












BENEFITS OF KNOWING AND OBEYING THE TRUTH

Manifest Love

He who has [knows] My commandments and keeps [obeys] them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.

Contentment

But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it [continues in it], not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer [one who lives it out], this man will be blessed [content] in what he does.