

A Disciple's Life

Sunday Morning, July 12, 2015

Thesis:

Are We Disciples of Christ?

Introduction:

I. Every Disciple of Christ is Sent (Matthew 28: 18 – 20)

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

The Great Commission

(II Corinthians 5:18)

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

The Ministry of Reconciliation

Do you recognize that as a Christian you have been sent?

II. Being a Disciple of Christ Requires Total Dependency on Christ (Luke 9: 1 – 6)

1 Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.

2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God & to heal the sick.

3 And He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics a piece.

4 "Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart.

5 And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them."

6 So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

Are you willing to follow Christ even when it requires giving up the necessities of life and being totally dependent on Christ for all your needs?

III. A Disciple of Christ Must Take Time Away To Be Alone With God (Luke 9: 18 – 20)

18 And it happened, as He was alone praying, that His disciples joined Him, and He asked them, saying, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"

19 So they answered and said, "John the Baptist, but some say Elijah; and others say that one of the old prophets has risen again."

20 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God."

Join Jesus In Alone Time With Him

(Matthew 16:17)

Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Alone Time

The benefit of alone time with God is God revealing Himself to us.

**IV. The Disciples of Christ Choose the Crucified Life
(Luke 9: 23 – 26)**

23 Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

24 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

25 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?

26 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.

Crucifixion Brought Pain and Shame

Are you willing to share in Christ's shame and pain in this world by following Him?

V. In Order To Move Forward As Disciples of Christ, We Must Put Him First

(Luke 9: 57 – 62)

57 Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go."

58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

59 Then He said to another, "Follow Me."

But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God."

61 And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house." 62 But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow & looking back is fit for the kingdom of God. But First...?"

(Philippians 3: 12 – 14)

12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Press Forward

Don't look back at our failures or the life we left behind, but fix our heart's desire on Christ our Lord.

Conclusion:

Are You A Disciple of Christ?