

Jesus Said...

“Save your life— or lose it”

Jesus calls all people to follow Him. He came

to the earth to be the Saviour of everyone. As He taught here on the earth, He told His disciples He was going to suffer and die. As He taught about His coming suffering and death, He told His disciples they would need to suffer because of their belief in Him. He said, “If any man will come

after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it” (Matthew 16:24, 25).

This means that if we are planning to follow Him to heaven, we must disown ourselves and give up everything to follow Him.

The Apostle Paul says in Galatians 5:24, 25 that those who belong to Jesus have nailed their evil desires to His cross and crucified them there. If we are living now in the Holy Spirit's power, we must also walk where the Spirit leads. (Read Ephesians 4:17-32).

As Christians, this is a voluntary giving up of our own wants and desires. We will submit to His

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What can a person do when he has no spiritual knowledge, no eternal riches, no strength when his end comes? At that time all of his opportunities for serving God and doing His work are gone forever. When the end comes, all his earthly wealth, knowledge, and power are gone and he stands before God, deserted, sad, and helpless. What would a person give at this time for an opportunity to retrace his steps and live his life over again? We live our lives before we die. There is a time in each life when it will be too late to make our choice to live for God.

Jesus said, “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:19-21). This teaching is so true and it is needed for us in this time. We should learn now to give our time, our labor, our prayers and earthly goods along with our hearts to God. Man's best is poor; but if it is given in faith, God will honor the gift and will repay with a large increase in the time of accounting.

We must realize that all we have and are being to God, and we are only giving back to God what is rightfully His. Paul says in I Corinthians 6:19, 20, “Ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.” As we live and continually give ourselves to God, He is pleased to accept our gifts. Lose your life to God now in giving yourself to Him. Then stay faithful to Him, continuing to give yourself to Him, and you will have the Life Everlasting.



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