

Don't Be a Christian Just to Escape Hell

There are two halves to the Christian message... an eternal destination AND a transformed way of thinking about living today. We really do need to receive both.

Scripture(s): 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

I. The first declaration of the true servant of God is salvation is worth saying _____ to Jesus every _____. Since today is the day of salvation, let us follow Christ's _____ today.

Mark 10:21-22 21 Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me." 22 But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

✓ Seek the _____ that comes from saying yes to what Jesus asks of you.

II. The second declaration of the true servant of God is salvation is worth real _____. There are two types of sacrifices worth enduring for this glorious salvation: _____ choice and hard labor.

Colossians 1:28-29 28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. 29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

III. The third declaration of the true servant of God is salvation is worth letting Jesus change what we _____. Our answer to the question, "Has following Jesus _____ changed what I live for?" will tell us what worth this salvation has to us.

Luke 9:23-24 23 And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. 24 For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.

✓ Identify what Jesus would have you do or be and _____ after it with all His might.

IV. The fourth declaration of the true servant of God is salvation is worth living under _____. It has never been a secret that faithful believers will be persecuted. What we sometimes miss about persecution is that salvation made persecution _____ for believers.

Matthew 5:11-12 11 "Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Acts 5:40-41 40 They took his advice; and after calling the apostles in, they flogged them and ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and then released them. 41 So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name.

✓ Make faithfulness to the call of Jesus on your life your _____ definition of success.

Remember this - Although we may respond to Jesus in order to escape hell, He calls us to so much _____.

Our challenge: Live by the call of Jesus and the call of Jesus _____.

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