

WHAT IS YOUR PRICE?

Luke 14:27-33

27 And **whosoever doeth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.**

28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and **counteth the cost**, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,

30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?

32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.

33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Let me ask you a question. What is your price? Have you ever been asked that? There's a price for everything, if you think about it. There was a price paid for your freedom in this great land in which you live. There also was a price paid for your freedom that you have in Christ, because He paid for **you** with His very own precious blood - His very own life! There was a price tag on your house, on your car, and on all of your clothes. You also pay the price whenever you buy groceries. What is **your** price? And *He said to them all, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for My sake, the same shall save it. (Luke 9:23-24)* The Bible says to pick up your cross **daily** and follow Jesus... but it will cost you! The Word of God says not to make that choice before you **count the cost**. (Luke 14:28) What will it cost you? It will cost you everything! Yes the gift of eternal life is **free** to those who receive it but once you receive it there is a price to pay. It's going to cost you your life! It cost Jesus His life to make salvation available to you and you can receive it freely, but now after you make Jesus the Lord of your life, you must pay the price required to be His - to walk and live in this evil world as His son or daughter! He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. *And what does the LORD require of you? To **act justly**, and to **love mercy** and to **walk humbly with your God**. (Micah 6:8)*

The devil will rise up against you and persecute you, and usually, he will do it

through people. If he sees that you are serious and that you are going to walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh, then you raise a flag in his sight, to where he has to try to stop you at any cost! He will tempt you in every way, shape, and form to get you out of God's will. He will try to bring people into your life to lead you down the wrong path, to just keep your focus off of God. He'll bring thoughts into your mind to try to discourage you and to try to bring unforgiveness, strife, anger, bitterness, jealousy, and so on. But you know Jesus has already overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil! He was tempted in every way that you could ever be tempted, so He knows how to help you - and don't forget, He's in you if you are born again! *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. (1 Corinthians 10:13)*

How far are you willing to go with Jesus? What is your price? Do you really love Him so much that you're willing to go the whole way with Him, even unto death? Right now there are many people in other countries being persecuted to the death for serving Jesus. Are you strong enough in your faith that you would never deny Him, or are you denying Him now by the way you talk, and by the way you think, and by the way you act? Are you denying God by going to places you know that you shouldn't go and by hanging out with people that you know you shouldn't hang out with? Do you deny God by the movies you watch or the games you play? Do you deny Him the time that it takes to form a sincere and loving relationship with Him? Do you deny Him the right to use you in your place of worship and to fulfill His plan for you as a part of the body He has placed you in? *But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 10:33)*

Are you truly glorifying God? If you're not even willing and able to serve God with all of your heart now, when true persecution isn't happening yet, then what will you do **after** the Rapture happens? Do you honestly believe that you will be able to make the decision for Christ then? Can you imagine how evil and scary this world will be after the church (Jesus' body) is taken out of the way? Think about it: Right now, more than likely, you have loved ones praying for you. They are probably praying for your salvation, your health, your finances, and for your protection! There are also many people interceding and praying every day for our President, our government, this nation, the schools, etc! Can you imagine how dark and scary this world will be after the Rapture happens? It will be such a feeling of hopelessness, darkness, and fear! Jesus has been warning many people and showing them in dreams and visions, that the Rapture is about to take place very soon! He doesn't want to lose a single soul! *For this we say unto you by the Word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from*

heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17)

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9) Are you ready? Have you done the things that God has commanded you to do and have you let God have his way in your life? Is His will done in your life completely? Will you honestly be able to stand before God and hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant?" Here's a way to tell if you are in God's will or not: If you knew that you were going to meet God face to face today, is there anything that you would change in your life? If the answer is yes - if there is something you would do differently, or that you still need to do, then you are not ready! If there is absolutely nothing you would change, and you would just go on serving God today like you always do, then you are ready - Keep running the race!

If you have never even considered what God's plans were for you in this life then you are going to end up paying more than you ever dreamed you would ever pay! This is a debt that you will never pay off - a debt that Jesus had already paid for you! Don't pay your debt again - don't let it be paid twice! Yes, payday is coming and Jesus will reward those who have been faithful to Him, but for those who have not been faithful, there will be a price to pay that has already been paid. Don't be deceived by Satan. Don't let him tell you that you have a lot of time left to repent, and that things are okay in your life. Don't let him lie to you and tell you that you're not that bad of a person and that this little sin is not really a sin, and that God isn't offended by what you just said, did, or thought. Don't let him convince you that you're too young to serve God - that you have your whole life ahead of you! God commands holiness, and He's coming after a bride without spot or wrinkle. *Follow peace with all men, and **holiness**, without which no man shall see the Lord. (Hebrews 12:14)*

He is coming for a bride who is ready and waiting for Him. When you're waiting on somebody your focus is on them. You're looking out the window to see if they are here yet. You have your shoes on and you're ready to go! Don't think that to wait on God means you're not doing anything. You're supposed to wait on God just like a waiter waits on you, attending to your needs and desires. We're supposed to know what God's will is for us, and we should be doing what God desires us to do! It's not about you. It's about getting out there and spreading the good news to a hurting and dying world! It's about turning this world upside down with the love of Christ! It's about bringing on revival in this land! It's about being Jesus to the people around us! Don't wait around as if you have weights tied to your feet - get

out there and wait on Jesus! So *Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation. (Hebrews 9:28)*

So what is your price? Jesus's price for you was His blood because of his love for you. Now it's up to you to give up your life for Him because of your love for Him, even if it costs you your blood! *For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (1 Corinthians 6:20)*

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. (1 John 2:15-17)

*If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. **Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:** Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.** (Philippians 2:1-13) You were paid in full by Jesus! Don't let the devil make a fool out of you and make you pay again! (for all of eternity!)*

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