A CHRISTIAN

Is All about

Luke 9:23-26, 57-62

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### Where We Are Going

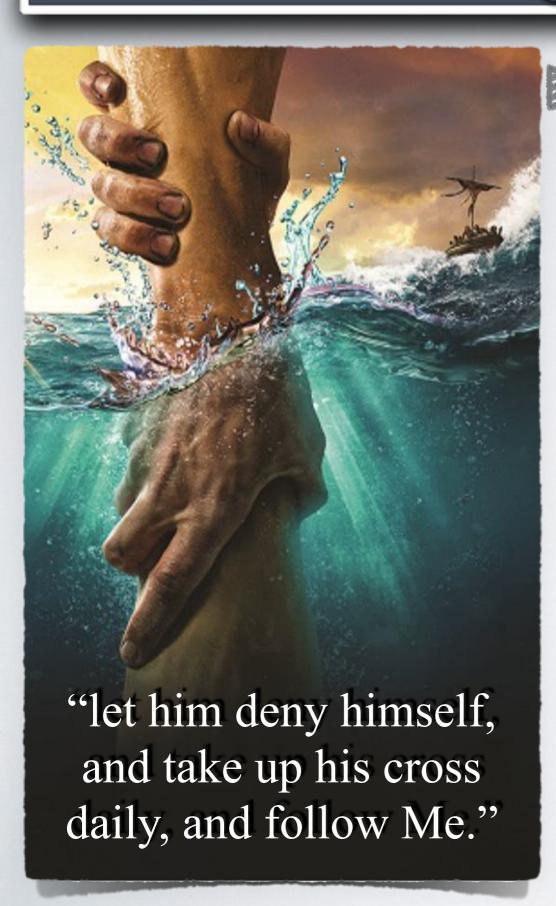
- 1. What Becoming A Christian Is All about
- 2. What We Have In Christ
- 3. Increasing In The Knowledge of God
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- 7. Growing By Serving In The Body
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#### Luke 9:23-26 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? <sup>26</sup> 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.

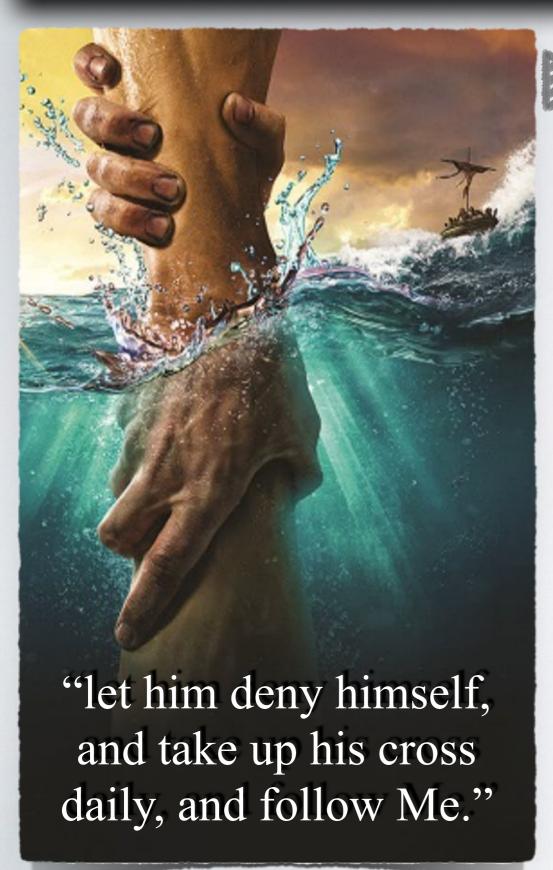
#### Luke 9:57-62 (NKJV)

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, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."



#### It's NOT ALL about ME —

- I was ruined by sin Rom 3:9-20,27; 6:23; Eph. 2:12,13
- I am completely undeserving of God's mercy and grace — Rom 5:8-10; Titus 3:1-5
- I deserve condemnation, not God's love, forgiveness, acceptance, & glorification — Eph. 2:1-9; 2 Tim 1:8-12
- Being a Christian is NOT <u>ALL</u>
  ABOUT making me happy &
  blessed NOW Rom 8:17,18

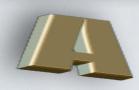


#### IS ALL about JESUS —

- The name I wear Ac 11:26
- The church I am a member of Mat. 16:18; Acts 2:47; Eph. 1:22,23; 5:23-25; etc.
- The Lord I love and humbly follow and obey Luke 6:46; John 14:23,24
- Every word and deed to be done in His name — Col. 3:17
- He died for me, therefore I live for Him 2 Cor. 5:14,15

- HEAR receiving the true gospel message Luke 8:11ff; Acts 2:14-38; Romans 10:17
- BELIEVE conviction / confidence / submission John 3:16; 8:24; 1 John 5:13; Hebrews 11:6
- REPENT change of mind & action Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30; Romans 3:23; 6:23; 2 Cor 7:8-11
- CONFESS stated public allegiance Matt. 10:32; Luke 12:8; Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9,10
- BAPTISM we are cleansed & joined to Christ Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 22:16; Ro 6:3-6; Ga 3:26,27; Co 2:12,13
- FAITHFUL we live for Christ we serve Him. Lk 6:46-49; 9:23-26, 57-62; 14:25-34; Jn 15:1-10; Phili 3:7-16

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- Diligent **Student** Mat 4:4; 5:6; Act 17:11; 2 Tim. 2:15
- Enthusiastic Adherent -John 6:66-69; 8:31,32
- An Imitator Mat. 10:24,25; Luke 6:40
- Becomes Closely
  Associated With His
  Teacher Mat. 12:46-50;
  John 15:14
- Fully **Committed** Luke 9:23-25; 57-62; 14:25-33



#### DESCRIPTIVE TERMS of A CHRIST FOLLOWER

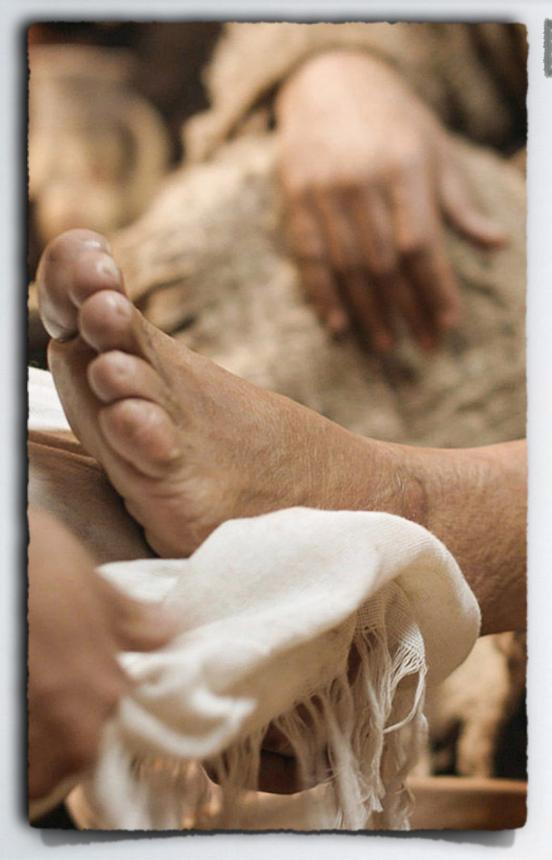


- As a SHEEP hears & follows (Ac 20:28; Jn 10:1ff)
- As a CHILD resemblance / submission (Ep. 5:1; Jn 3:3, 5; Gal. 3:26-27)
- As a SOLDIER fight the good fight (2 Tim. 2:3-4; Eph. 6:10-20)
- As a LABORER diligently work (Mat 20:1-16)
- As a BRANCH bear fruit (John 15:1-10)
- As a PRIEST offer spiritual sacrifices (1 Pet 2:4,5)
- As a BRIDE maintain purity (2 Co. 11:2; Rom. 7:4; Eph. 5:25-33)
- As a CITIZEN of kingdom obedience Dan 7:14



#### WE Follow JESUS —

- We **OBEY** Him Luke 6:46-49; 1 Jn 2:3-6; Heb 5:8,9
- We BEAR Fruit Mat. 13:23; Jn 15:8; Gal. 5:22,23
- We Develop Godly CHARACTER Mat. 5:3-12; Col. 3:12-16; 1 John 3:3
- We are Good STEWARDS Mat. 25:14-30; 1 Cor. 4:1,2
- We **SUFFER** with Him & for Him 2 Tim 3:12; Jno. 16:2,33;17:14. Ac. 14:22
- Will be WITH HIM in GLORY Jn 14:1-6; Rom 8:29; Philip. 3:7-11, 21; 1 Cor. 15:49; 2 Cor. 3:18; 1 John 3:2,3.

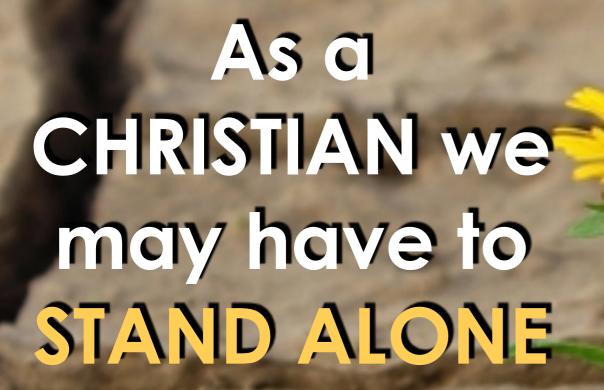


#### Becoming like JESUS —

- Through **TEACHING** / **LEARNING** Mat. 28:18-20; 2 Tim 2:2; Eph. 4:11-15
- Through EXPLAINING / UNDERSTANDING Mat. 13:10-23; 17:10-13; 2 Pet 3:15-17; Col. 1:9,10
- Through **TRAINING / DOING** Luke 9:1-6; 10:1-20; Jam 1:22
- With PATIENCE Mat.
  15:12-17; 17:17-21; Luke 9:46;
  22:24; 2 Tim 4:2; Ja. 5:7,8

Being a Christian will sometimes
FEEL LONELY—

BUT we must remember - God will never leave us or forsake us— Romans 8:28-39; Hebrews 13:5,6



- but as Noah; Lot & Jesus proved, we can, and it is definitely worth the reward!

1 Cor. 15:58; 1 Peter 5:8-11

- It's NOT ALL about ME IT's ALL ABOUT JESUS!
- Have you OBEYED the gospel of JESUS CHRIST?
- Are you **LEARNING** ALL YOU CAN about **JESUS**?
- Are you FOLLOWING JESUS as LORD?
- Are you **BECOMING** MORE **LIKE JESUS**?

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