

8. The tendency of our hearts is to do what 2 very dangerous things:
 - a. _____ or romanticize the cross of Christ;
 - b. Dismiss from our minds the necessity of _____ to _____.
9. Do you glamorize or romanticize the cross of Christ?
10. Do you dismiss from your mind the necessity of death to self?
11. If a person has not done what Jesus says in Matthew 16:24-26, then they do not what?
12. True salvation is what?
13. If you want salvation, Jesus doesn't come in as a "tack on" but He comes in as what?
14. The man in Matthew 19 didn't want Jesus to become Lord of what?
15. The text we are studying today is for whom?
16. We know from Mark 8:34 that the words Jesus says in this text were addressed to whom?
17. The first requirement to belong to Jesus is we have to do what with ourselves?
18. What is our problem?
19. Did Jesus ever say that we are to learn to love ourselves more so that we could then love others more?
20. Who do we all love?
21. The Christian life involves the regular practice of what?
22. What is the second requirement to belong to Jesus?
23. To take up your cross means that to be a genuine disciple takes what kind of commitment?
24. To take up your cross daily means what in relation to surrender?
25. What is the third requirement to belong to Jesus?
26. How often did Jesus speak the words "follow Me"?
27. What is the natural response to hearing what all is required of us in order to belong to Jesus?
28. If you try to grab your own life and cling to it tenaciously, you will end up doing what?
29. If we present our bodies to God as living sacrifices, Romans 12:2 tells us we will find what?
30. According to Romans 12:2, God's will is what?
31. We usually assume that if we completely surrender to the Lord, He is going to do what with our life?
32. I John 5:3 says that His (God's) commandments are NOT what?
33. What good would it be to become the wealthiest man on planet earth, if you are not ready for eternity?
34. According to the last part of verse 26, what is an exchange?
35. We exchange our sin for His what?

36. We exchange our will for His what?

37. We lose our lives in order to do what?

38. Have you denied yourself and taken up your cross to follow the Lord Jesus?

39. If not, what is holding you back? Are you trying to hold on to your life?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

»»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

»»How can I accomplish this change?

»»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

1) Read Matthew 1:1-16:28

2) How often do you think God mentions the 2nd coming of our Lord Jesus Christ?

3) Next to the subject of faith, what is the most prominent subject in the New Testament?

4) Write down everything you know about "eschatology" (the study of end times).

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LOSING LIFE TO FIND IT

Matthew 16:24-26

(Series #94)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**Losing Life To Find It.**" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. In your opinion, what is the central symbol of Christianity?
2. In the first century, what was the symbol for the most degrading, most humiliating, most torturous execution used by the Romans?
3. Pastor Bryan's concern is that our familiarity with the cross as a decoration has done what?
4. The cross represents the death of Jesus on the cross for what?
5. The cross represents your what?
6. How is it possible for anyone to become a Christian?
 - a. #1: Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins; and
 - b. #2: We have to _____ to _____ to receive the salvation He has provided.
7. When you see a cross, do you ever think about the importance of death to self?

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