

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#32 – “The Earthly Consequence of Acknowledging Christ as Lord”
– Luke 9:23-27

I. Introduction

A. Facing big decisions

1. Note differences in the way people approach large decisions.
 - a. Examples.
2. Two approaches.
 - a. Counting the cost
 - b. No looking before leaping.

B. Bearing on today’s text

1. The gospel message
 - a. Free offer of grace
 - b. But you may not control your own life any longer.

C. Today’s text – Luke 9:23-27

II. Exposition

A. Luke 9:23

1. Note context.
 - a. Peter and the profession of faith
 - b. Jesus would die but rise from the dead
 - c. Also stated in Matthew 16:24-27, Mark 8:34-38
2. No easy believism
3. “Deny himself”
 - a. A very strong term
 - b. John MacArthur
4. Consider Paul’s qualifications
 - a. Phil. 3:5-6; Acts 26:5; Gal. 1:14
5. What he said after conversion.
 - a. Rom. 7:18; Phil. 3:7-8; I Tim. 1:15
6. A daily cross – Crystal clear.

B. Luke 9:24-25

1. A frequent teaching theme
 - a. Said later – Luke 17:33
 - b. Said earlier – Matthew 10:39
 - c. Said at Passover – John 12:25
2. Self-esteem gospel will not work – Matthew 7:21-23
3. The ultimate hyperbole

C. Luke 9:26

1. Having Christ and His Words
2. Jesus is the judge.
 - a. J.C. Ryle

D. Luke 9:27

1. “Not taste death until they see the kingdom of God”
 - a. There are several ways this text may be viewed.

III. Points for Reflection

A. The man-centered gospel of today cannot save anyone.

1. Valley of Vision
2. Matthew 10:34-39

B. Taking up your cross daily is another expression of Jesus’ words at the end of the Sermon on the Mount.

1. Matthew 7:13-14
2. We are not saved by denying ourselves daily, but if we are saved, we will be dying to ourselves daily.

C. Because of God’s perfect standard of righteousness, the enlightened sinner is driven to repentance. This is the heart of the gospel message.

1. New Testament words for repentance.
 - a. Metanoeo – Matt. 3:2; Luke 10:13
 - b. Metamelomai – Matt. 21:29
 - c. Epistrepho – Luke 17:4
2. Repentance may never be viewed as a work. It is granted by God – Acts 11:18; II Tim. 2:25-26

D. Where is the profit?