

Insights from Luke

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

Counting the cost.

No looking before leaping.

Knowing Christ as Savior and Lord.

Luke 9:23

“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.’”

Luke 9:20

“²⁰ And He said to them,
‘But who do you say that I am?’
And Peter answered and said,
‘The Christ of God.’”

Luke 9:23

“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.’”

“To be a follower of Jesus Christ is to disown one’s natural, depraved, sinful self. It is to give up all dependence on and confidence in oneself and one’s works to save.”

Philippians 3:5-6

“⁵ ...circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.”

Acts 26:5

“⁵ ...since they have known about me for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that I lived as a Pharisee according to the strictest sect of our religion.”

Galatians 1:14

“¹⁴ ...and I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions.”

Romans 7:18

“¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.”

Philippians 3:7-8

“⁷ But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ.”

I Timothy 1:15

“¹⁵ It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.”

Luke 9:24-25

“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. ²⁵ For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?”

Said later in Luke 17:33:

“³³ Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.”

Said earlier in Matthew 10:39:

“³⁹ He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.”

During the Passion week in John 12:25:

“²⁵ He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal.”

Matthew 7:21-23

“²¹ Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. ²² Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’”

Luke 9:26

“²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.”

“To lose one’s soul is to lose God, and Christ, and heaven, and glory, and happiness, to all eternity. It is to be cast away for ever, helpless and hopeless in hell.”

Luke 9:27

“²⁷ But I say to you truthfully, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.”

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

Lord, high and holy, meek and lowly ...

Let me learn by paradox

that the way down is the way up,
that to be low is to be high,
that the broken heart is the healed heart,
that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit,
that the repenting soul is
 the victorious soul,
that to have nothing is to possess all,
that to bear the cross is to wear the crown,
that to give is to receive ...

Let me find thy light in my darkness,
thy life in my death,
thy joy in my sorrow,
thy grace in my sin,
thy riches in my poverty,
thy glory in my [humiliation].

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

Matthew 7:13-14

“¹³ Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. ¹⁴ For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

**We are not saved by
denying ourselves daily,
but if we are saved,
we will be dying to ourselves daily.**

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

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Acts 11:18

“¹⁸ When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, ‘Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life.’”

II Timothy 2:25-26

“²⁵ ...with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.”

Where is the profit?