

THE CALL OF CHRIST

I. What do you believe to be Christ's call on your life?

II. The real Biblical call of Christ is found in Matthew 4:17-22; 9:9; 1Kings 18:21

III. In following Jesus, we become His disciples

1. The term Disciple comes from 2 Greek words

Man-than-o = to follow

Math-ey-tes = to be a learner

2. God's desire for us in following Jesus is that we become like Christ

Matthew 10:24-25, Romans 8:28-29, Galatians 1:15-16; 4:19-20

3. This call of Christ, demands a decision on our part, no such thing as neutrality, you must decide. 1Kings 18:21

IV. The DEMANDS of following Jesus

1. Like the disciples of Jesus' day, you all have your own ideas of what following Jesus means. And like the disciples of Jesus' day, your wrong.

2. You need the correct, Biblical understanding of what it is to follow Jesus.

3. First demand is REPENT Matthew 4:17, 3 parts to Biblical Repentance

1st Amos 3:3 Change of mind

2nd 2Corinthians 7:8-10 Change of heart

3rd John 8:1-11 Change of direction

4. Second demand is Die to self Luke 9:23; Luke 14:27

5. Third demand is Love God Supremely Luke 14:26, Matthew 22:36-37

6. Fourth demand is Forsake all that you have Luke 14:33

V. How these demands were met by various people

1. Luke 9:57-62

2. 1Kings 18:21

3. John 6:60-66

4. Luke 12:13-15

5. Matthew 16:21-26; Matthew 26:30-35

VI. Following Christ in a Biblical way will cost you everything, not following Him will cost you more. You must count the cost. Luke 14:28-32

1. Will you deny yourself and take up the cross daily and follow Jesus?

“It takes a crucified man to bring glory to a crucified Christ.”

“Every man Christ calls to follow Him, He invites to come and die.”

“How do you look at Christ? Is He a means or an ends?”