

FOLLOWING JESUS – 2
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REVIEW: – LUKE 9:23-26 (NIV)

- Is important because of the consequences.
- Not to, results in loss of life, soul, a savior.
- To, results in gaining our life, soul, a savior.
- Means self denial, cross bearing, loyal obedience.
- Demonstrates supreme love, sacrifice, loyalty.

CONTINUE: - MT. 28:19 (AMP) – “Go therefore into all the world and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of me, believe in me, and obey my words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you...”

INTRODUCTION:

When Jesus called His first disciples to follow Him they knew exactly what He meant. Jewish boys aspired to be Rabbi's. **LUKE 5:27-28** Jesus called them to make following Him their first priority. They were to observe His life, learn what He taught, and strive to be just like Him. **LUKE 6:40**

1. A follower is a disciple.
 - A. Literally, a learner, one who follows another's teaching.
2. The goal of discipleship.
 - A. To conform to His image. **ROM. 8:29 (AMPC)**
 - B. To become what Jesus died for us to be. **PHIL. 3:12 (AMPC)**
3. Marks of discipleship.
 - A. Abides in His Word. **JOHN 8:31, LUKE 6:46-48**
 - B. Loves the brethren. **JOHN 13:34-35**
 - C. Bears fruit. **JOHN 15:7-8**
4. Cost of discipleship.
 - A. Jesus is first. **LUKE 14:25-26**
 - B. Willing to suffer. **LUKE 14:27**
 - C. Willing to forsake all. **LUKE 14:33**
5. Rewards of discipleship.
 - A. Present blessings. **MARK 10:28-30**
 - B. Future blessings. **MARK 10:30**
6. Baptism and discipleship.
 - A. Jesus was baptized. **MT. 3:13-17**
 - B. The pattern. **MT. 28:19-20**
 - Preach the gospel and make disciples.
 - Baptize them.
 - Teach them to observe.
 - C. What water baptism means. **ROM 6:3-4**
 - We have died to self and are alive in Christ.
 - We identify with the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.
 - We have committed to walk in the newness of life.

CONCLUSION:

We follow Jesus on His terms, not ours. His terms include self denial, cross bearing and loyal obedience. It includes continuing in the Word, loving the brethren and bearing fruit. It means Jesus comes first, and we are willing to suffer persecution for our faith and forsake all if called upon to do so.

Water baptism can be compared with pledging allegiance to the flag or wearing a wedding ring. We're loyal to our nation, loyal to our spouse and loyal to Christ.