



Christ's Perfect Provision

When Following Him is Painful

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1. Be _____ (v.23)

Luke 9:23 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. **25** For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?

26 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

27 But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God." (ESV)

2. Beware _____ (vv.24-26)

3. Let _____ (vv.24b, 27)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 Peter 2:11** and **Colossians 3:5-10**. What aspects of this ongoing battle of "denying yourself" did you underestimate early on in your Christian life?
2. Read **Matthew 4:19** and **2 Timothy 1:8**. In what ways have you avoided this aspect of "following Christ"? What consequences are you seeking to evade when you neglect this responsibility?
3. Read **Romans 1:16**. What will you do this week to express your lack of shame in this regard?
4. Read **Matthew 6:13**. How might you specifically elaborate on this Christ-directed prayer request in your own prayer life?
5. Read **Romans 8:18** and **2 Corinthians 4:17-18**. What can you do to keep this comparison in perspective?

*This Week's
Bible Reading Schedule*

November 16th
Ezk.13-15 & Heb.11:20-40

November 17th
Ezk.16 & Heb.12

November 18th
Ezk.17-19 & Heb.13

November 19th
Ezk.20-21 & Jms.1

November 20th
Ezk.22-23 & Jms.2

November 21st
Ezk.24-26 & Jms.3

November 22nd
Ezk.27-28 & Jms.4

November 23rd
Ezk.29-31 & Jms.5

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

- Msg. 14-31 – **When the World Doesn't Understand Us**
- Msg. 13-38 – **When You're Ridiculed for Christ**
- Msg. 12-42 – **A Controversial Baby: Simeon on the Polarizing Effects of Jesus Christ**
- Msg. 07-38 – **The Enduring Clash with Nativity's Antagonist**
- Msg. 07-05 – **Motivated by Christ's Rewards at His Return**
- Msg. 08-21 – **Gospel Crazy: Unashamed of Its Reproach**
- Msg. 05-63 – **Ashamed? Getting Over Our Feelings to Share the Good News**

*This Week's
Social Media Hashtag*

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For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Archer, Clint. **The Preacher's Payday: How Faithfulness Echoes in Eternity**. Day One Publications, 2012.
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- Foxe, John. **Foxe's Book of Martyrs**. The John C. Winston Co., 1926.
- Hefley, James and Marti. **By Their Blood: Christian Martyrs of the 20th Century**. Baker Books, 1996.
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- MacArthur, John. **The Gospel According to Jesus: What is Authentic Faith?** Zondervan, 2008.
- McKeehan, Toby & Mark Heimermann. **Jesus Freaks: Stories of Those Who Stood for Jesus**. Albury Publishing, 1999.
- Morgan, Christopher. **Suffering and the Goodness of God**. Crossway, 2008.
- Piper, John. **The Roots of Endurance: Perseverance in the Lives of Newton, Simeon & Wilberforce**. Crossway, 2006.
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- Water, Mark, ed. **The New Encyclopedia of Christian Martyrs**. Baker Books, 2001.
- Watson, Thomas. **The Art of Divine Contentment**. Soli Deo Gloria Publications, 1653 (reprint, 1998).
- Wiersbe, Warren. **This is the Life: Enjoying the Blessings and Privileges of Faith in Christ**. Bakers Books, 2014.