



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 9:23-27 (NAS)

Topic: "In Pursuit of Self or Christ"

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- 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.
- 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?
- 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.
- 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."

I. PURSUIT OF SELF

- A. Self-Love—Self Esteem Movement
- B. It Is Not Biblical

II. THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST

- A. He Is The Christ Of God
- B. He Came To Serve Others *Mark 10:45*

III. THE CALL OF CHRIST

- A. To All Christians *Mark 8:34*

B. To Deny Self

- 1. Tis our nature to love ourselves *Ephesians 5:29*
- 2. To love others we must get self out of the way *Ephesians 5:25;*
Colossians 2:6

C. Take Up Your Cross

- 1. The cross is a picture of death—death to self
- 2. It Must be done daily *1 Timothy 4:7, 8*

D. Follow Me

- 1. It is a command *Philippians 2:5-8*
- 2. It is ongoing
- 3. It is personal *John 14:21*