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# Crossbearing

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CROSSBEARING  
Matt. 16:24-27

Word Christian used loosely. Any good American qualifies.

INT: Many delight in wearing the name, despise the standard.  
Multitudes desire joys of Chr. life, despair qualifications  
Only one way to inherit Christian blessings: obey Christ.

I. CHRIST TAKES ONLY THOSE WHO COME WILLINGLY.

- A. Becoming Christian matter of promise, not coercion.
1. Jailer eager to obey. Acts 16:31. Threats useless.
  2. Pentecostians begging. Acts 2:38. Risking all.
  3. Heavenly confessional conditional. Matt. 10:32.
  4. Baptism a basis of God's promise. Mark 16:15-16.
- B. Christ, not Jesus without a cross. Matt. 1:21-John 12:32
- C. Least we can do is obey Him willingly. Not force us.

II. CONVERSION REQUIRES DENIALS.

- no crown - rewards in Heaven unless cross-bearing here.*
- A. Impossible to be converted and remain same. II C. 5:17.
- B. Did not say deny Devil, deny others— Deny self.
- C. Yet, Devil gets those who refuse to deny themselves.
1. Those who feel self-sufficient. I Cor. 10:12.
  2. Those with a stubborn will. Luke 13:3.
  3. Some enslaved to bad habits. I Pet. 4:18
  4. Educated to false doctrines. Gal. 1:14. Matt.
- D. He who will not deny himself, denies himself Christ 12:30

III. EVERY CHRISTIAN CARRIES A PERSONAL CROSS \*

- Suffering Loss Pain Denial Sacrifice both*
- A. If literal would present a marching army of crosses.
- B. Means a burden, suffering, trials or temptations.
1. Burden to live around sinners. J. 6:66-69. M. 11:28.
  2. Suffering to watch loved ones stay doomed.
  3. Trials come in conflict with old life. Mk. 10:28-30.
  4. Temptations greater. Devil strikes harder. I C. 10:13
- C. Can no more be Christian without a cross than a body can live without lifegiving blood. *Song*
- D. Eternal life, the reward for a life of bitter struggle.
1. Poem: I carried my Cross.

IV. A CHRISTIAN FOLLOWS CHRIST ONLY.

- #over*
- A. Animals follow their animalistic lusts. Inferior to man.
- B. Man often descends to animal level. Generic. Guideless.
- C. A Christian learns restraint. Romans 12:1-2.
- D. Foolish wisemen follow their own conceit. I Cor. 1:21.
- E. Christians follow Christ. Matt. 28:20. - I Cor. 11:1.

INV: Prayer: Give courage to hearts of those who wish to obey.

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\* Carry the cross patiently,  
and with perfect submission;  
and in the end it shall  
carry you.

\* Murderers: — 0 — Thomas A. Kempis

Judas - hung.

Pilate - Suicide.

Herod - died in exile.

Caiaphas - deposed year after crucifixion.

Ananias - Home burned, son  
dragged three streets -  
murdered.