

Celebrating the Lord's Table



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➤ Matthew 6:9–13

In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come.

Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

¹³ And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

➤ Matthew 18:19–20

“Again I say to you that if **two of you agree** on earth concerning anything that they ask, **it will be done for them** by My Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in My name, **I am there in the midst of them.**”

➤ Romans 12:1–2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service*.² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may **prove (discern) what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God**.

➤ 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

For **I received from the Lord** that which I also **delivered to you**: that **the Lord Jesus** on the *same* night in which He was betrayed **took bread**; ²⁴ and when He had **given thanks**, ***He broke it and said***, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken **for you**; **do this in remembrance of Me.**” ²⁵ In the same manner *He also took* the cup after supper, **saying**, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This **do**, as often as **you** drink *it*, **in remembrance of Me.**”

➤ 1 Corinthians 11:26–27

*²⁶ For as often as **you eat** this bread and drink this cup, **you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes**. ²⁷ Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.*

➤ 1 Corinthians 11:28–30

²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. ³⁰ For this reason many *are* weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

➤ 1 Corinthians 13:4–7

Love suffers long *and* is kind; **love** does not envy; **love** does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵ does not behave rudely, **does not seek its own**, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶ **does not rejoice in iniquity**, but **rejoices in the truth**; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Examining the Good Fruit of A Christ-like Disciple

A. Christ-like Disciples have counted the cost of following Jesus.

➤ Luke 14:27–30 **And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.**

²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and **count the cost**, whether he has *enough* to finish *it*—²⁹ lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see *it* begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This man began to build and was **not able to finish.**

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- Luke 14:31–33 Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not **sit down first and consider whether he is able** with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. ³³ So likewise, **whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.**

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B. Christ-like Disciples pay the cost of following Jesus.

- John 12:25–26 He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

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B. Christ-like Disciples pay the cost of following Jesus.

- John 15:19–20 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but **I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.** ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ **If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. . . .**

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B. Christ-like Disciples pay the cost of following Jesus.

- John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that **in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation**; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.
- Matthew 10:22 And **you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.**

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B. Christ-like Disciples pay the cost of following Jesus.

- Luke 8:15 But the ones *that* fell on the **good ground** are those who, having **heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.**

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J.C. Ryle:

“There are **enemies to be overcome, battles to be fought, sacrifices to be made**, an Egypt to be forsaken, a wilderness to be passed through, **a cross to be carried**, a race to be run.” The fact is, **“Conversion is** not putting a man in an armchair and taking him easily to heaven. It is **the beginning of a mighty conflict**, in which it costs much to win the victory.”

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“A Christian should be **willing to give up anything** which stands between him and heaven.

A religion that costs nothing is worth nothing! A cheap Christianity, without a cross, will prove in the end a useless Christianity, without a crown.”

Christ-like Disciples pay the cost of following Jesus

1. Christ-likeness costs us our self-righteousness

- Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him **deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.**
- Mark 2:17 When Jesus heard *it*, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. **I did not come to call *the* righteous, but sinners, to repentance.**

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1. Christ-likeness costs us our self-righteousness

- Romans 3:10–11 As it is written: “*There is **none righteous, no, not one**; ¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.*
- 1 John 1:8–9 If **we say that we have no sin**, we deceive ourselves, and **the truth is not in us.** ⁹ **If we confess our sins**, He is faithful and just **to forgive** us *our* sins and **to cleanse** us from all unrighteousness

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- But as I ran my hell-bound race,
indifferent to the cost,
you looked upon my helpless state
and led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed –
You suffered in my place;
You bore the wrath reserved for me;
Now all I know is grace
Hallelujah! **All I have is Christ**
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

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2. Christ-likeness costs us our sins.

- Romans 6:6 knowing this, that our **old man** was **crucified** with *Him*, that **the body of sin might be done away with**, that **we should no longer be slaves of sin**.

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2. Christ-likeness costs us our sins.

- **Romans 6:11–13** Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be **dead indeed to sin**, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² Therefore **do not let sin reign** in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹³ And **do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin**, but **present yourselves to God** as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

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2. Christ-likeness costs us our sins.

➤ Romans 6:17–18

But God be thanked that *though* **you were slaves of sin**, yet **you obeyed from the heart** that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. ¹⁸ And **having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.**

Christ-like Disciples pay the cost of following Jesus

3. Christ-likeness costs us our ease.

- Romans 12:11 **not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.**
- 1 Timothy 4:7–8 But reject profane and old wives' fables, and **exercise yourself toward godliness.** ⁸ For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

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3. Christ-likeness costs us our ease.

- 1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, **be vigilant**; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.
- 2 Peter 3:13–14 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, **look for** new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, **be diligent to be found by Him** in peace, **without spot and blameless.**

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3. Christ-likeness costs us our ease.

- Hebrews 5:14–6:1 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who **by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern** both good and evil.
¹Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, **let us go on to perfection.**

Christ-like Disciples pay the cost of following Jesus

3. Christ-likeness costs us the worlds' favor/approval.

- John 15:19 **If you were of the world**, the world would love its own. Yet because **you are not of the world**, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.
- 1 John 2:15 **Do not love the world** or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

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- Romans 12:2 And do **not be conformed to this world**, but be **transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

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3. Christ-likeness costs us the worlds' favor/approval.

- James 4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that **friendship with the world is enmity with God**? Whoever therefore wants to be **a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.**