

July 1st Sermon

Series: Heaven... or... Hell?

Today's Talk: What It Costs To Be A True Follower

Genesis 6:5 *"The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great... the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."*

Psalm 7:11 *"God is angry with the wicked everyday..."*

Ephesians 2:1, 3 *"And you were dead in trespasses and sins in which you once walked... among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh... and were by nature children of wrath..."*

Truth: All of us are "The Seed of _____", hopeless apart from Christ; fallen, depraved, _____ to the core. All of us.

Ephesians 2:13 *"But now in Christ Jesus you who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."*

What It Cost Christ: _____ ... What It Cost You: _____

Luke 14:33 *"In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple."*

Please Understand: Christ poured out His blood for you; He _____ you so much but... He will not _____ you with anyone.

THE COST WE MUST _____:

1. I must pay the price of my _____-righteousness.

Romans 3:10, 23 *"... None is righteous, no, not one... for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."*

2 Corinthians 5:21 *"For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."*

2. I must pay the price of giving up _____ sin, even my favorite ones.

Hebrews 2:14 *"Strive for... the holiness without which no one will see the Lord."*

* I cannot _____ to a single sin and _____ at the same time I am following Jesus Christ.

3. I must pay the price of _____ understanding of life and of what ultimately _____.

2 Corinthians 10:5 “*We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ...*”

4. I must pay the price of this world’s _____.

James 4:4 “... *Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*”

1 John 5:19 “... *the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.*”

5. I must pay the price of _____ for my life and surrender my will.

Matthew 6:24 “*No one can serve two masters...*”

Jeremiah 17:5 “*This says the Lord: Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord.*”

Jim Elliot: “He is no fool who _____ what he cannot keep to _____ that which he cannot lose.”