

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.

Luke 9:24

Store In My Heart

Acts 1:7-8

He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

The second part of Luke's history of Jesus and His Church, elaborates on the ascension of Jesus before chronicling the beginning of Christ's Church in the Acts of The Apostles.

The verses above tell us how this story will unfold. Beginning with the Pentecost sermon in Jerusalem the Word was spread to the ends of the earth by the Apostles and those who believed on Jesus at their teaching. In this book we read what Jesus expects of those who believe and how to work together to accomplish the work He has given us.



What Have I Done For Him?

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Jesus gave His life to pay the price for our sins. We sometimes sing a song with the words "I gave my life for thee" and I hope each of us understand that song is from the perspective of Christ, not our self. Do you remember the question that song asks of each of us? "What hast thou done for me?" That should be a sobering thought in each of our minds as we consider our life.

Since Jesus has already paid the price for my sins, what can I offer Him in exchange? How can I ever repay God for such a sacrifice? Paul told the Roman brethren they should give their body "*as a living sacrifice.*" (**Romans 12:1-2**) What does that look like?

Maybe it looks like Paul, who was willing to die for the Lord's cause. (**Acts 21:13**) Maybe it looks like Timothy, who left his strong, faithful family behind to follow Paul into almost certain persecution as he spread the Gospel. Maybe it is like Stephen, who was stoned for telling his leaders that Jesus was the fulfillment of God's Promise. (**Acts 7:52-60**)

For most of us it is probably something a little less drastic. It is walking "*as children of light*" (**Ephesians 5:8**) even as we are surrounded by the darkness of those who refuse to acknowledge God. (**Philippians 2:15**) It is not doing things

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For Our Information

Joyce Venable is in St Vincent's Hospital in Hot Springs.

Paula Laubach is continuing to get dental work done.

JoBeth Henderson will visit the Ortho dr Wednesday.

Dan's Aunt Joyce Rickard passed away last week.

Jerry Henderson is home, doing better.

Tonight we start in 2Samuel 1.

Wednesday at 7 pm we start Philippians.

Join us for all these studies.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

that others might think are cool or fun because we are no longer interested in the things of this world. (**1Peter 4:4**) It is skipping the ball game, awards dinner, club meeting, forgoing the promotion, etc. because it would interfere with worship or teaching the lost. (**Matthew 6:33**) It is using our resources wisely so that we can help the needy and support the Lord's work. (**2Corinthians 8:1-5**)

For everyone of us it includes being thankful for what God has given me to use while here on Earth. (**Ephesians 5:20**) This includes having a thankful heart even though our budget might be a little tight. The thankfulness of a Christian is present even when things go wrong. Thankfulness is not just because we have extra. It must be a constant attitude of our character. We often see those in the world giving thanks to God when they achieve something or win "the big game." Thankfulness in the life of the Christian is not dependent upon winning. It comes from what God has already given, His Son for my sins. Even in loss we can be thankful for what God has given.

That "living sacrifice" will be different in many ways for each of us, but it is also very similar. It is willingly giving up self and my own desires so that I might devote my resources and very life to serving the God who provided my salvation. As the KJV finishes that statement, it is "*your reasonable service.*" We will have only done what we ought to have done. (**Luke 17:10**) There will be no 'deluxe package' to heaven because we did a little more than others. Heaven is only for those who willingly give their ALL to the Lord.

Being a "living sacrifice" is giving my all to the Lord, because He gave His all for me. No one can claim that they were told getting to Heaven would be easy. The Word plainly declares that those who seek to be with God will suffer. (**2Timothy 3:12**) The question I must ask myself is seen in our title. I need to decide what I am willing to do for God. If it does not include giving my life in His service, I will not make it to Heaven. (**Revelation 2:10**) My devotion to God and His Will must be complete and will direct every aspect of my life here on Earth.

What Will You Give For Him?

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

