



Pastor's Comments

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Deny Yourself

On Sunday, November 30, in the 10:45 a.m. service, our congregation will begin studying the **28th** of the "**49 Commands of Christ**" which is "**Deny Yourself.**" Jesus said, "*If any man will come after me, let him **deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.***" (Luke 9:23).

Man's way of thinking is that we experience the good things of life by guarding our lives. In this Bible study, we will see that in reality we enjoy the good things in life **by losing our lives for Christ's sake** as Jesus taught in Mark 8:35: "*For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall **lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.***"

We will see that to **deny ourselves** is to **put to death the carnal desires of the flesh** so that the Holy Spirit can powerfully work in and through us. "*They that are Christ's have **crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit***" (Gal. 5:24-25). This is a **daily experience** as Paul affirmed, "*I die daily*" (1Cor. 15:31).

We will study **what the cross symbolizes** and cover 12 examples of **what it means to take up our cross.** This command is not just about enduring suffering for Christ's sake, but also about experiencing **the power of the cross** as Paul described: "*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is **the power of God***" (1Cor. 1:18). We will cover five ways in which **the power of the cross** is experienced in those who obey this command.

Christ's final command was "*Go...and teach all nations...to **observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you***" (Mt. 28:19-20). Jesus promised, "*If ye **keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love...***" (John 15:10). I invite you to join us for this Bible study.

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