

GOING BEYOND BELIEF

After salvation, we are commissioned to move forward in our Christianity.

While salvation is the gift of God, at Christ's expense ---
Discipleship is costly! It is achieved at great cost!

I. AM I CHRIST'S DISCIPLE? **John 8:31-32**

A. Disciples must pay the price to qualify: **Luke 14:25-27**

Jesus called Peter, Andrew, James and John.

It took courage, faith and love to move beyond simple belief.

B. His words are the supreme test.

1. He warns those who obey in word - but not in action. **Matt. 7:21-23**

2. So true discipleship goes beyond belief to action.

It is not merely hearing the words of the Lord,

but it is doing something about what you hear and claim to believe.

C. What is involved in becoming a disciple? In "going beyond belief"?

1. First study the Holy Word. **II Tim. 2:15 Amplified Bible**

2. Pray often and long.

Don't attempt to do the Master's work without His instruction.

3. Make sure that you are ready to commit.

Count the cost! **Proverbs 20:25**

4. GO!!

Most Christians never become real disciples simply because they never try.

II. REMAIN FAITHFUL TO HIS TEACHING AND YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH.

A. Men question the creation, the fall of man, the existence of sin and Satan and hell.

Men wonder, guess, experiment to determine what is beyond death,

God knows the truth.

B. You can know the truth. **I Jn. 5:20**

God requires that we accept the living truth.

III. REMAIN FAITHFUL TO HIS TEACHINGS AND

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE. **John 8:31-32**

A. Free from the fear of dying, Satan, hell.

Free for we know the truth. **John 10:27-30**

We are in the hand of God, and nobody can pluck us from the Father's hand.

B. Free from the fear of the future and its dark secrets.

We know the truth of **Romans 8:28, 29**.

C. Free from fear of the world.

We know it is on a collision course with the judgment of God,

but we have Victory in Jesus! **I Thessalonians 4:13- 17**

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In Jesus is perfect peace.

John 14:27

Isaiah 26:3