

Sermon: Following Christ – Discipleship
Scripture: Matthew 16:13-28 (vs. 24-26)

Introduction:

“The inevitable law of the Christian life is that the servant is not above his Master; what happens to Christ, though it is indeed unique, must nevertheless be reflected in His followers.”

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I. The Christian’s life of following Christ (vs. 24):

A. “. . . he must deny himself”

1. Deny self in regards to my salvation, justification. Righteousness is in Christ alone (Phil. 3:7-9).

2. Deny self as to who comes first in my life, not me but Christ (Phil. 2:5-8).

B. “. . . and take up his cross” (II Tim. 3:12; John 15:20)

C. “. . . and follow me.”

II. The loss of not following Christ; the gain of following Him (vs. 25,26):

A. Loss

B. Gain