

## The High price of a free gift – sacrificial grace

### INTRODUCTION

1. Read **Romans 5:14 – 6:3**; Read **Romans 6:14,15**; Read **Eph. 2:8-10**
2. According to the text:

### DISCUSSION:

- I. Grace is the bulwark of pure Christianity; it is the power of the Christian walk. We are advocates today for sacrificial grace. A grace that is reflective of the sufferings of Christ.
  1. Cheap grace is sold on the religious market like goods sold over the counter, on the internet or out of a catalog.
    - (1) The events leading to Calvary are the footprints of grace; a grace that is costly.
  2. Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Mk 8:34
  3. Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." Mk 10:21
  4. Lk 9:57-62 - As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."
  5. He said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."
  6. Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."
  7. Grace without price, grace without cost.
- II. The Call of Peter
  1. Follow me – **Mark 1:17**
  2. Follow me – **John 21:22**
  3. A whole life lies between the two calls.
    - (1) The first was by the lake Gennesaret, when Peter left his nets and his craft and followed Jesus at his word.

- (2) The second was after the resurrection and Peter had denied Christ and returned to his craft.
- (3) Between the two calls lay a whole life of discipleship in the following of Christ.

- 1. **John 21-15-22**

- 2. Half-way between them – Peter’s confession “Thou art the Christ.”

- Matt. 16:18**

- 3. “Lord to whom shall we go....? **John 6:66-69**

- 4. When the going gets tough; disappointments set in; sacrificial grace takes us through. “To whom shall we go...”

III. Calvary’s grace is not easy – it is a sacrificial grace.

- 1. Isaiah 53:4,5;

- (1) Wounded

- (2) Bruised

- (3) Stripes

- (4) Crown of thorns

- (5) Cross

- (6) Nails

- (7) This description is putting it lightly. It is going to take Mel Gibson’s “Passion for Christ” to give us a visual portrayal of the kind of brutality Jesus suffered, willingly, purposefully and silently to bring to us God’s grace. The grace of God is what sacrifice is all about; costly; painful; ugly; turns your stomach; brings tears to your eyes.

- (8) Titus 2:11-14**

IV. Sacrificial grace gives salvation.

- 1. Salvation on the terms of laid out by God not the terms of men.
- 2. Repent and be baptized – **Acts 2:38**
- 3. That’s how sacrificial grace is received.