

What Are You Willing to Pay for Your Religion?

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Introduction

1. Luke 14:26-33
2. Have you ever considered the cost of your religion?
 - a. Some want a religion that is free from cost 2 Samuel 24:24; Romans 1:14
3. Most things in our life that are valuable to us, we don't mind paying the price for them
4. In our text consider two things that are to be important to us
 - a. One is our home
 - b. The other is our freedom
 - c. How much are we willing to pay for them
 - d. The founding fathers of our nation gave a lot for us to have our freedoms, men who have fought in wars have paid the price for freedom
 - e. What is our house worth
5. What are we willing to pay for our religion?

II Discussion

1. Have we come to expect cheap religion?
 - a. In converting someone?
 - b. In Christian living
 - c. In training our children, let others do it
 - d. In mission work, just keeping house for the Lord
 - e. In ministering to the poor and needy
 - f. True religion cost a lot!
2. It cost a lot on the divine side
 - a. It cost God His only begotten Son John 3:16
 - b. It cost Christ His live Romans 5:8-9; 2 Corinthians 8:9
3. It should cost the sinner a lot
 - a. His way of life Acts 3:19
 - b. His beliefs John 8:32; Romans 6:16-18
 - c. His pride 1 Corinthians 1:21, 25; Philippians 2:10 (should) Romans 14:11 (shall)
4. The Christian should be willing to pay a lot for his religion
 - a. In time, we all have 24 hours a day 2 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 10:25
 - b. In use of our talents Matthew 25:14-30; 1 Corinthians 15:58
 - c. In overcoming habits Colossians 3:5, 8; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

III Conclusion

1. It is folly to undertake a serious business without vaunting the cost.
2. Have you counted the cost of your Christianity?
3. Satan does not want you to count the cost
4. Once you have counted the cost are you willing to pay the price for heaven
5. Heaven will be worth it all
6. Obey God today

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