

Marks for the Master

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Introduction

1. Galatians 6:17
2. Paul had marks in his body that identified him with Christ. 2 Corinthians 11:24-25; Acts 14:19 is an illustration of these beatings
3. Slaves had mark identifying them to their owners. We brand cattle to tell who they belong to
4. Marks are used to identify.
 - a. Jesus has given us marks to identify disciples
 - b. Once these marks are known we ought to be able to identify a disciple.
 - c. These marks of a disciple are not great claims, fervent zeal or feigned piety.
 - d. Marks of a true disciple will be manifested in character traits
5. What are the marks of a true disciple?

II Discussion

1. Working for His cause!
 - a. One cannot be disciple of Jesus while working against that for which Jesus died!
 - b. He promised Matthew 16:18 it was built and the saved are added to it Acts 2:41,47
 - c. He bought the church with His blood Acts 20:28 thus gave Himself for it Ephesians 5:25
 - d. He is the head over the church Colossians 1:18 Ephesians 1:23
 - e. He is the savior of the church Ephesians 5:23
 - f. Now in view of these truths it is impossible to be a disciple of Jesus while working against His church!
 - g. Jesus prayed for His own John 17:20-21
 - h. Against every sect that would rival or compete against His church Matthew 15:13; 12:30
 - i. One is not a true disciple of Christ while working in other than Christ's church.
2. One must teach what He taught!
 - a. Jesus walked close to 75 miles to be baptized Matthew 3 13-17
 - b. We are to follow his example and teaching Mark 16:15-16
 - c. He told what to preach Luke 24:46-48
 - d. This was done Acts 2:38
 - e. Baptism is a command Acts 10:48
 - f. Baptism saves 1 Peter 3:21
 - g. Therefore to argue that baptism is non-essential is not to be a true disciple of Christ
 - h. Some are not and cannot be a disciple because they reject baptism Luke 7:30
3. One must hold to His words to be His disciple
 - a. We must abide in His word. John 8:31

- b. The scriptures give us all we need 2 Peter 1:3
 - c. They are inspired 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - d. Jesus has given us a perfect pattern for church finances 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
 - e. A true disciple will not ask others to support his religious obligations!
 - f. God will take care of us. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8
4. A true disciple worships God only
- a. No one can worship two masters Matthew 6:24
 - b. A true disciple will put the kingdom first Matthew 6:33
 - c. Covetousness is idolatry Colossians 3:5
 - d. The Love of money is the root of all evil 1 Timothy 6:10
 - e. The true disciple is more concerned with making a life than living
 - f. The true disciple gives more time and thought to his spiritual activity than to his social activity.
5. Another true mark of a disciple is bearing spiritual fruit
- a. God is glorified when the true disciple bears fruit John 15:8
 - b. A person that does not bear fruit is taken away John 15:2
 - c. But to bear fruit we must be in the vine! John 15:4
 - d. A true disciple will teach that which he was taught and glorify God in the church Ephesians 3:21
 - e. A true disciple will bear the fruit of the Spirit as well Galatians 5:22-23
 - f. Are you bearing fruit, your marks are showing!
6. A true disciple will love the brethren
- a. We are to be reflecting the love God has for us John 3:16
 - b. The greatest love is to lay down one's life for his friends John 15:13
 - c. Jesus stated that by this shall all men know who His disciples are John 13:34-35
 - d. We cannot hate a brother and be a true disciple of Christ 1 John 4:20

III Conclusion

1. These are some of the marks that show if we are a true disciple of Christ or not. Working, holding to His word, worshipping, bearing fruit and loving the brotherhood
2. Maybe a question is, are you a disciple of Jesus? Why not become one today
3. Maybe you have done what is necessary to be a true disciple but no one can tell because you don't have the marks of a true disciple. Change today!
4. Come and become what you need to be!

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