

Being a true disciple Of Christ

[3-17-13-Sunday Morning]

Text: **Matthew 28:18-20**

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore^[a] and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen

Intro: A true disciple is a follower and learner of Jesus.

- a. Every disciple is a believer, but not every believer is a disciple of Jesus.
- b. When one is baptized into Christ they are not "just church members" but are to become disciples of Jesus Christ.[There is a big difference between being a disciple of Jesus, and just being a church member.
- c. Who is a disciple or follower of Jesus?

1. A Disciple Loves The Lord.

- a. Matthew 22:37-38- The first and greatest commandment given by God. Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'^[a] ³⁸ This is *the* first and great commandment.
- b. Luke 14:25-27, 33- true disciples of Jesus must love the Lord more than anybody or anything!
Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple
So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

2. A Disciple Is Obedient To Jesus.

a. Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore^[a] and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen

b. John 14:15; 1 John 5:3- “keep-“ to guard, to watch, to observe closely, to hold fast.”

John 14:15 – “If you love Me, keep^[a] My commandments

1 John 5:3 - For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

3. A Disciple Loves The Brethren.

a. John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another

b. 1 Peter 2:17 “love the brotherhood” [Christians have a relationship with one another by being in Christ.]-31 different “one another statements made by Jesus

Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

c. The reason for loving our brethren is because they are our spiritual family.

4. A Disciple Does Not Live Like the World.

a. James 4:4

Adulterers and^[a] adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

b. 1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of

the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever

5. **A Disciple Continues In Jesus' Word.**

- a. John 8:31-32- a true disciple continues [abides] in the Word of God. The idea of abiding in His Word is more than just reading His word once a week or even daily. It is living in, being rooted in His word.

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

- b. John 12:48- we will all be judged in the final day by the "words of Jesus- not man's traditions and opinions.

He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

Invitation: A disciple of Jesus bears much fruit to glorify God. [John 15:7-8] If you have never obeyed the Gospel of Christ won't you become a disciple of Christ today? [Matthew 28:19-20. Do not reject Jesus and His only plan of salvation- Mark 16:15-16] After then deciding to follow Jesus after baptism continue to be a disciple of Jesus.[Matthew 28:20]

John 15:7-8 - If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will^[a] ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Matthew 28:19-20 – Go therefore^[a] and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen

Mark 16:15-16 – And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned

Matthew 28:20 - teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.^[a]