

Marks of a Disciple - Part 2

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I. Introduction.

A. Continuance in the Word.

B. Love.

C. Fruit of reproduction. (Galatians 5:22-23, John 15:16, Genesis 1:11)

1. Fruit is the seed of reproduction.

2. When the Lord saved you, He saved a potential soul winner/disciple. (John 12:24)

a. Our part is dying to ourselves.

b. He died that we might live. We die that He might live. (Galatians 2:20)

3. There is a cost to reproduction. (Luke 9:62, Luke 14:25)

a. Jesus did not hate his parents—he prepared a special person to look after His mother.

b. Love desires above all else the presence of the beloved object.

c. The love that Jesus demands for Himself compared to the family is so great that you could call the love for family hate.

d. The cost of following Jesus was the cross—it was an awful death.

e. The fruit of reproduction is in the seed, and the seed has to die.

II. Three points on salvation.

A. The penalty of sin is taken away.

1. The good news is that Jesus died, was buried and rose again. He conquered the enemy at his death.

2. When we become Christians we are born again by the Holy Spirit.

B. The power of sin is being taken away. (Romans 5:10)

1. We have victory over the power of sin through the indwelling Spirit when we are born again.

2. We cannot have victory over sin, but the Spirit can.

C. The presence of sin will be taken away. (Philippians 3:20)

1. At Jesus' return, this will finally happen.

III. The nonbeliever must see a person walking with Christ.

A. Concentrate on your own relationship with Christ, then on sharing your life with one other person.

Application questions

1. Why must there be “death” for reproduction?

2. How can salvation be looked at from three different standpoints? Explain.

3. Who is in your circles that you could invest some time with—sharing your faith with that person? What can you do to initiate this relationship?
