

The Cost of Discipleship

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I. Introduction.

- A. Christianity is making strides in the world.
- B. However, Islam is making even more strides.
- C. Text: Luke 14.
- D. Many things cost, but what kind of value is placed on a human soul?
- E. In a prosperous America, the world needs to be concerned with the needs of outsiders.

II. Evil from a man is caused by sin. (Genesis 6:5, Psalm 53:5, Proverbs 29, Isaiah 64:6, Romans 3:23, 1 John 1:8)

- A. Sin causes alienation from God.
- B. Sin causes bondage to yourself.
- C. The essence of sin is self.
- D. We rebelled against God and if God had left us alone, this earth would be hell.

III. God loved the world though the cross of Christ.

- A. Jesus died on the cross in our place.
- B. Christ became guilty of all our sins by taking all of it upon Himself - at that moment even God had to turn His back on His Son.
- C. The cost of salvation was paid by God, but we too must pay a price.
- D. God offers us a pardon for our sin.
- E. The price we must pay is surrender to Jesus Christ.

IV. What we do.

- A. You must repent by turning from sin.
- B. Paul said that he died daily to his ambitions and put Christ first.
- C. God may take away, but if you are willing to let go He may give it back.
- E. Repentance means open confession.

V. There is a cost of not being a Christian - your soul.

VI. Take a stand for Christ.

VII. Prayer.

Application questions

1. What is the price of salvation for God?

2. What is the cost of discipleship for man?

3. What are the steps the speaker calls his audience to make in order to restore their relationship to God? Explain.
