

Cost of a Christ-centered Life

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: II Corinthians 6.

B. Theme: cost of a Christ-centered ministry.

II. A willingness to rely on the grace of God only. (Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 2:8-9, Isaiah 42:8)

A. We get to heaven only by grace.

B. Salvation is only God's glory.

III. A willingness to pay any price Christ asks us to pay.

A. We want to prove ourselves genuine ministers of God.

B. Character is our only defense.

C. We will never be in the will of God tomorrow if we are not in the will of God today.

D. When we are tired, we must think of Jesus. (Hebrews 12:1-4)

IV. A willingness to be completely open with one another. Receive one another unconditionally. (James 5:16, Romans 15:7)

V. A willingness to make a clean break with sin.

A. Separation does not mean isolation.

1. We love people as they are, but we make a clean break with what they are doing.

2. Bad company corrupts good morals. (I Corinthians 15:33)

B. We must hate sin. (Exodus 18:21, Psalm 119:128, Hebrews 1:8-9)

1. Sin has four steps: seeing, coveting, taking, and hiding. (Joshua 7:20-21)

2. A promise: unconfessed sin will bring you to shame. (Numbers 32:23)

Application questions:

1. What role does the grace of God play in our ministry?

2. In what kind of situations do we need to be separate from sinners?

3. What are some difficult areas for you to surrender to God?
