

## **What Does it Mean to Accept Christ - Part 2**

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### I. What it means to accept Christ. (Matthew 10:33)

A. We should accept Christ's friends as our friends.

1. They are sometimes odd, but they mean well.
2. They are often more evangelistic than those who are 'dignified.'
  - a. The example of an odd, but faithful witness.
3. We ought to accept Jesus' friends as our friends without shame.

B. We should accept Christ's enemies as our enemies.

1. We should not seek the favor of Christ's enemies.

C. We should accept Christ's ways as our ways.

1. The way of mercy, holiness, etc.

D. We should accept Christ's rejection as our rejection.

E. We should accept Christ's cross as our cross.

1. We will not get a reward for suffering the general suffering of man.
2. It is something that we do and choose deliberately.
3. A cross is obedience to God and a love for mankind.
4. The Christian who is truly a Christian will die with Him to all the things the world glories in.
5. No man has the right to claim anything until he dies to that thing.
6. The man who tries to take the inconvenience out of your life and smoothes it over is your enemy and is lying.
  - a. Christianity has its glory, but it also has its cross.
  - b. Jesus bore his cross for the joy set before Him.
  - c. We do not want to bear any cross.

F. To accept Him is to accept Him in a revolutionary way.

1. It is exclusive.
2. His life is our life.

E. Accepting Christ is worth everything.

1. You cannot afford to be lost.
2. Neglecting this truth is guaranteeing that you will be lost.
3. Age is not a factor.

**Application questions.**

1. Which of the descriptions of accepting Christ stands out to you? Explain.

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2. What is accepting the cross? How does this look in the Christian life? What place does joy have in relationship to this?

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3. Have you accepted Christ? If so, how does that line up with the speaker's message? Take a moment and reflect on what it means to be a Christian.

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