Tuesday Family Night - 2/26/25

Welcome

Prayer

Review

This past Sunday we entered into part 3 of this segment of the teaching What Shall I render.

We began our teaching at Ps116:12

Ps 116:12 What shall I render unto the Lord *For* all his benefits toward me?

Now I do want to again address the what I know could be the catalyst for many not serving, not rendering, not worshipping as they ought.

So many of todays so called christians are in the throws of a faith crisis that rendered them worthless in terms of true evangelism.

What many fail to realize is that faith follows.

How can you call yourself a Christian and not follow Christ?

How can you be a disciple and not follow?

How can you call yourself a child of God and not follow?

Your testimony lacks authenticity when you say you're a believer but yet, you live like the world. Your witnessing is shredded by your failure to maintain a life of Holiness. You bring the name of Jesus down to the level of negation when in your hypocrisy you still claim to be saved.

If we're going to give God the glory then it shouldn't just be with lip service; it shouldn't just be on Sunday

it shouldn't be when its convenient or when you want something from Him If we are going to render to God those things that be His, then that starts with you.

As I said in last week message, if you're not saved then you don't owe God anything. You don't have to praise, honor, glorify, or serve Him. You can simply go on your merry way and do whatever you want to do, when you want, how you want, with whomever you want, and God himself won't even sweat you for it.

To the family, why is that? Why does God require nothing of the unsaved?

- **Heb 12:5** And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:
- **6** For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.
- 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

So if you're not a child of God by faith in His son sent to die for you, then you're

an enemy of God and considered to be a child of the Devil.

Jesus said in;

John 8:42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

- **43** Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.
- **44** Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.
 - 45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.
- **46** Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?
- **47** He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear *them* not, because ye are not of God.

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Faith follows;

Luke 9:23 And he said to *them* all, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

Jesus breaks it down even further in Ch14

- **Luke 14:26** If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.
- 27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.
- **28** For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have *sufficient* to finish *it*?
- 29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish *it*, all that behold *it* begin to mock him,
- **30** Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.
- 31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?
- **32** Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.
- 33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he

cannot be my disciple.

*Remember the stage had already been set, the plan of salvation had already been established, and the way we were to come to the lord was sealed by john the baptist and the Lord Jesus.

Malachi 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: And the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, Even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: Behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

Luke 3:4 As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Luke 16:13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Mat 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14 Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

*Faith Follows;

Romans 10:17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

I have another question; If someone says they're a believer but follows their own dictates or thoughts of what christianity is all about are they saved?

What saves us?