

Series: Son of God, Son of Man

Title: A Cross for You

Text: (Luke 9:18-26)

I. The Cross is Unavoidable: (Vs 22)

II. He sets the standards for Follow-ship. vs 23 - 26

A. There is a price to pay. vs 23

1. To Deny One's Self.

a. Inward Submission: Lk 9:23

2. Man must take up his cross.

a. Upward Submission: *Take Up his Cross*

b. Conforming: (Rom 8:29)

(Phil 3:10) Fellowship of His Sufferings

(1 Cor 15:31) I am to Die to Self,

(1 Cor 15:34) Awake to Righteousness

His Goal for our cross is to Conform us into the image of His

Son. (Rom 8:28-29)

(Col 3:5a) - *Mortify=Put to Death*

(Rom 8:13) *Living in the Flesh to satisfy Self leads to death.*

Who's Life is it anyway? Gal 2:20, Eph 2:1

TIME TO GROW UP! – (1 Cor 13:11)

Everybody at that time knew what Jesus meant.

(Lk 9:26)

3. Follow Him.

a. Outward Submission – (Lk 9:23) *Follow Me*

(Heb 11:1,6) Faith is Trusting God

Trusting His Character – *Ist Loved us* - (Rom 5:8)

Trusting His Promises – (Jn 14:1-3)(1 Cor 10:13)

Following Christ in Obedience

(John 14:11-15) *If ye love me KEEP my Commandments*

Following Christ by Abiding in Him

(John 15:4-5)

B. There is a life to lose. vs 24

1. Many lose their life while trying to save it.

2. Man must spend his life.

C. There is a world to lose:

Tragedy in completely rejecting Christ. vs 25

D. There is a shame to lose. vs 26

1. Ashamed of Christ and His words may make one popular with the world.

2. Ashamed of Him now, He will be ashamed of us when He comes again. (Mark 8:38)

3. Ashamed before Him. I John 2:28