

# Disciples of Christ – 3



Closer to God (46)



# Review

WE have been examining being a disciple of Christ.

We have defined a disciple as a follower of his “master” with the intent of imitating him and his teachings





# Review

We have noted 2 passages associated with being a disciple of Christ.

**Luke 9:23-24.** A disciple of Jesus must:

- \* Desire it
- \* Deny himself
- \* Take up his cross
- \* Follow Jesus





# Review

We have noted 2 passages associated with being a disciple of Christ.

**Luke 14:26-33.** Addressed the cost of being a disciple

\* Hate, “love less” anyone or anything that stands in your way of putting Him first.

\* Count the cost before you begin your journey

\* This is about total commitment





Today

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Some more  
NT Passages



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# Abiding in His word

## **John 8:31-32**

*If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.*

- Being a disciple is tied to making His word our home! **Colossians 3:16**

- **2 John 9-11**

His word includes the teachings of the apostles

(**cf. Galatians 1:11-12,**

**Ephesians 3:3-5,**

**1 Thessalonians 2:13**

**1 Corinthians 14:37)**





# Abiding in His word

## **John 8:31-32**

*If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.*

- Abiding also implies that we are **DOING** what He says! We are *living it!*

**Matthew 28:19-20**

**Luke 6:46**

**James 1:21-25**





# Abiding in His word

## **John 8:31-32**

*If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.*

- Abiding means you study His word!

**2 Timothy 3:14-17**

**Psalm 119:105; 1:1-2**

- **Hebrews 10:24-25 -**

*we will NOT neglect assembling!*

*We are “teaching and admonishing one another”*

**Cf. Ephesians 4:11-16**





# Love for one another

## John 13:34-35

*By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*

- In a hostile world, we need each other!

Do you prefer your brethren?

**Romans 12:10**

**1 Peter 2:17**

**Philippians 2:3-4**





# Love for one another

## John 13:34-35

*... if you have love for one another.*

- Jesus gave us His example,  
**Ephesians 5:2, 1 John 4:10-11**  
*“As I have loved you...”*
  - He died for us – **John 14:13, 3:16**
  - Compassion – **Matthew 14:14**
  - Helping – **1 John 3:17**
  - Interceding – **John 17:20-21,**  
**Hebrews 4:14-16**
  - 1 Thessalonians 5:11**
    - comfort





# Love for one another

## John 13:34-35

*By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*

- This will be evident to others  
*“By this”* implies they have the right to judge us in this!





# Bearing fruit

## John 15:8

*By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.*

- Bearing fruit means we are productive! **Hebrews 5:12-14**  
**1 Corinthians 3:1-2**





# Bearing fruit

**John 15:8** What is fruit?

- Reaching souls – **Mark 16:15,**  
**2 Corinthians 5:11,**  
**Acts 5:42, 8:4, etc.**





# Bearing fruit

**John 15:8** What is fruit?

- Any area of growth –  
Knowledge – **2 Peter 3:18**  
Good works – **Titus 2:14**  
Relationships  
Character – **Galatians 5:22-23**





# Bearing fruit

**John 15:8** What is fruit?

- Any area of growth –  
Righteousness – **Hebrews 12:11,**  
**2 Corinthians 9:10, Philippians**  
**1:11, James 3:18**  
Holiness – **Romans 6:21-22**  
Worship – **Hebrews 13:15**





# Bearing fruit

**John 15:8** What is fruit?

- **Colossians 1:10**, *that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;*
- A disciple is going to be growing and maturing!





**Are you a disciple  
of Christ?**  
**Matthew 28:19-20**





Let us pray!

