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**Sundays**  
 Bible Study..... 9:30 AM  
 Worship.....10:30 AM  
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Goals For 2022  
 Theme  
Be Ye Imitators of Christ  
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40:  
Sunday AM: 50  
Sunday PM: 40: Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana  
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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**Gary Henry**  
*is preaching today*

**We are now in week #5 of our Daily Bible Reading.**

**Prayer List**  
 Lynn Maudlin, Mark Maudlin  
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward  
 Les & Novema Dunn  
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)  
 Sharon Thompson, Kay Thompson  
 The Wards & Beth McFarland  
 Brooke Thomas, Pam Caudill  
 Kahl/Lewellen family on recent passing of Dale Kahl

**THIS MONTH:  
 About Our Father's Business:  
 Lk 2:48, Jn 9:4, Rom. 8:6-7**

**Who Have You Invited To Services This week?**

**Lord's Supper Reading**  
 Luke 22:14-20

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: 2 Cor. 7:9-11  
 PM: Matt. 19:16-22

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month: 0  
 Invites last month: 62  
 Visitors YTD: 0

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Our Theme for 2022...  
**"Being Imitators of Christ"**  
 1 Cor. 11:1  
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**GRIEVING OUR SINS**

**Welcome!**  
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

Introduction: Text: **2 Cor. 7:9-11.**

It makes sense that if we are to come back to God we must turn away from the sins that have separated us from God.

**THE FIRST RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL IS GRIEF**

The text of **2 Cor. 7:9-11** may make us *uncomfortable* — in an age when "feeling good" outranks every other value, we may not like the fact that the truth of God produces grief and broken heartedness. *That is not what most people want.*

**GODLY SORROW**

Two pictures of godly sorrow.

**Lk. 18:9-14** - the Pharisee and the tax collector.  
**Lk. 7:36-50** - the sinful woman in Simon's house.

In godly sorrow, we . . .

It is interesting to note who the people were whom Jesus welcomed and those who were turned away. Cf. John the Baptist's preaching in **Mt. 3:7,8.**

Grief for our sins is the yearning that should bring us to Christ - **Ac. 2:36-38.** Cf. **Ac. 9:6-9; 22:16.**

**WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT GODLY SORROW**

If we come to Christ without godly sorrow:

There is no real *conversion* to Christ - **Ac. 2:37,38; 3:19.**, There is no real *humility*, There is no *love* or *gratitude for grace* (and hence *motivation* to faithfulness). There is no *repentance*. There is no *evangelism*.

Consider David's godly sorrow for his sins - **Psa. 32:1-5; 51:1-4,7-13.**

**Conclusion**

Nowadays, the purpose of the gospel is often perverted. What about you? Have you faced the seriousness of your own sins? Do you understand your need to be *saved* from your sins? Cf. "What must I do to be saved?" (**Ac. 16:30**). Does it not grieve you to know that you have *broken the heart of God, your Father*? Are you ready — based on sorrow for your sins — to commit yourself to repentance and a new life in Christ? Are you ready — seeing the seriousness of your sins — to spend the rest of your life in *gratitude for God's grace*?

# Counting the Cost

## Introduction

Text: [Mt. 19:16-22](#).

The young man in [Mt. 19:16-22](#) “went away sorrowful” because he was unwilling to pay the price of discipleship — he said he wanted eternal life ([v.16](#)), but as it turned out, there was something more important to him than that.

Jesus does not ask every disciple to do what he asked this young man to do, but if Jesus tested you and me at our most vulnerable points, would we do any better?

## THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus wants not admirers or fans, but *disciples* - [Ac. 11:26](#). Discipleship is *rewarding*, but it is *costly* — and Jesus said we must “count the cost” ([Lk. 14:25-33](#)). We should not be surprised that there is a cost to be counted — *love is always costly*. If the cost of discipleship seems high, we also need to consider the cost of *non*-discipleship. Cf. [Mt. 16:26](#). How soberly have we considered what is involved in being a disciple of Jesus Christ? Are our eyes wide-open? *What will be the difficulty?* Am I willing to meet the test? *What will be the sacrifices?* Am I willing to pay the price? The right time to count the cost of discipleship is *before* we commit ourselves to Christ.

## DO WE UNDERSTAND?

Do we understand what “follow Me” ([Mt. 4:19](#)) might require of us? Do we understand what *unconditional commitment* means?

Do we understand the concept of *repentance*? Do we understand the importance of *sacrifice*? Do we understand that FAITH means TRUST - e.g. [2 Tim. 1:12](#).

## Conclusion

Commitments are serious business - [Eccl. 5:1-7](#).

When the cost of discipleship turns out to be higher than we imagined — and keeping our commitment becomes hard — what should we do?

When we contemplate obeying the gospel, we cannot know *what the future holds*.

Are we willing to make a totally unconditional commitment to Christ — and then keep the promise even if it kills us?

The serious disciple is one who answered these questions — *decisively* — before he made his commitment.

If all we can say is “maybe,” we’re not ready to follow Christ.

Are you prepared to say what Paul said, that he only wanted Christ to be glorified in his body — *no matter what the specifics might be*? Cf. [Phil. 1:20](#).

In the end, it is only *love* that will move us to make this kind of commitment.

*“I gave My life for thee, what hast thou giv’n for Me?”*

*“For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised”* ([2 Cor. 5:14,15](#)).

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# Grieving Our Sins

“For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death” (2 Corinthians 7:10).

In an age when “feeling good” outranks every other value, it is hard for many to see that our first response to the gospel must be grief. Yet if the gospel is about redemption from our sins, we are not ready for what the gospel offers until we see our sins for what they are and grieve them in a godly way.

Nowadays, the purpose of the gospel is often perverted. No longer do people understand it to be about the remission of sins and the restoration of a right relationship with God. It is no wonder, then, that godly sorrow and repentance are minimized in modern preaching. Nevertheless, the gospel is about sin. Godly sorrow grieves the treachery we have committed against God. And it alone produces the repentance that leads to salvation (2 Corinthians 7:10).

In the life of Christ, it is interesting to note who the people were whom Jesus welcomed. It was not the poor, the underprivileged, or the oppressed per se. These social statuses meant little to Jesus unless people in these conditions came penitently — seeking His forgiveness with godly sorrow. If they came with this attitude, they were welcomed, but no more than people from any other status who came with the same penitence. Jesus was looking for those who saw their need for His forgiveness, regardless of their external circumstances. So if we ask which people would be “blessed,” Jesus said it was “the poor in spirit . . . those who mourn . . . those who hunger and thirst for righteousness” (Matthew 5:3-6). To those whose hearts were not broken by sorrow for their own sins, Jesus had nothing to offer of any unique or lasting value.

But if the first thing the gospel produces is sorrow, doesn’t that “negative” message turn people away? For some, it certainly does. It did in Jesus’ day, and it does now. But let’s not misunderstand. The gospel is the most positive “good news” the world has ever heard. But it produces the joy of forgiveness only when a person has first gone through the process of godly sorrow. It gives us a new beginning, nothing short of a “new birth.” But the new life comes only after a conversion that is bathed in bitter tears.

“Repentance is not a fatal day when tears are shed, but a natal day when, as a result of tears, a new life begins” (Ilion T. Jones).

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