

Sunday morning, November 15, 2020
Death Before Glory
Luke 9:18–27

- I. Who is Jesus?
 - A. The Right Answer, Jesus is the Christ Lk. 9:20

 - B. The Revealed Answer Matt. 16:18

- II. What is Jesus' Mission? Death before Glory
 - A. The Messiah's Death and Resurrection Revealed Lk. 9:22; 24:26; Matt. 16:23

 - B. The Messiah's Death and Resurrection Required Lk. 9:22

 - C. The Messiah's Death and Resurrection Resolved Lk. 9:51

- III. What is Jesus' Requirement for His Disciples? Death Before Glory Lk. 9:23–27
 - A. Each Believer Is to Deny Oneself Lk. 9:23; 9:26

 - B. Each Believer Is to Take Up One's Cross Lk. 9:23
 - 1. 'Your Cross' Is Not a Particular Suffering or Trial

 - 2. But 'Your Cross' Is Your Choice to Die to Self Rom. 8:13; Lk. 14:27; 2 Cor. 4:10-11
 - a. To Die to Self, Is to Crucify Our Sin

 - b. To Die to Self, Is to Crucify Our Rights

 - C. Each Believer must Lose One's Life for Christ Lk. 9:24–26
 - 1. What Does it Mean, 'Whoever Would Save His Life?'

 - 2. What Does it Mean, 'Whoever Loses His Life for My Sake?'

 - 3. What Does it Mean, He 'Will Save His Life?'

Quotes

Denying ourselves “is the saying ‘no’ to self when our natural selves would desire acceptance by the alien world— a world in revolt to its Creator and our Lord. . . . This is to be the whole mentality and outlook of the Christian’s life. . . . As Christ’s rejection and death are the first steps in the order of redemption, so our rejection and death to things and self are the first steps in the order of true and growing spirituality.”
Francis Schaeffer

“Not to mortify sin is tantamount to denying Christ and repudiating both the cross and our union with him on it.”
Sinclair Ferguson

“As a man nailed to the cross; he first struggles, and strives, and cries out with great strength and might, but, as his blood and spirits waste, his strivings are faint and seldom, his cries low and hoarse, scarce to be heard; —when a man first sets on a lust . . . to deal with it, it struggles with great violence to break loose; it cries with earnestness and impatience to be satisfied and relieved; but when by mortification the blood and spirits of it are let out, it moves seldom and faintly, cries sparingly, and is scarce heard in the heart; it may have sometimes a dying pang, that makes an appearance of great vigor and strength but it is quickly over, especially if it be kept from considerable success.”
John Owen

“Let not that man think he makes any progress in true holiness who walks not over the bellies of his lusts.” John Owen

“What does Jesus mean? Well, it takes a lifetime to understand this and we never *do* understand perfectly, but Jesus means, partly at least, that we are not always to be taking care of our ‘rights,’ our material things, our physical needs, our own interests—and then just giving him what is left over around the edges. We have to know something of what it means to put the Lord *first*.”
Francis Schaeffer

“The Bible promises life *through* death and it promises life on no other terms.” John Stott

“Whoever is determined to hold on to themselves and live for themselves, will lose themselves. But whoever is willing to die, to lose themselves, to give themselves away in the service of Christ and the gospel, will find themselves, and discover true identity.”
John Stott

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” Jim Elliot