

**Review:**

- I. The Christian Must Love Jesus Christ Above Everyone Else... vs. 37**
- A. Jesus Knows our Frames and our Temptation...**
- B. The Word of the Cross Will Offend...**
- C. The Temptation is to Comprimise...**

**Application:** Consider how often there is compromise in the family over the Gospel...

- II. The Christian Must Take His Cross... vs. 38**
- A. "Whoever..."**
- B. It Implies t he Word of Christ has been Received...**

**Application:** The Christian does not pick and choose what he finds favorable, agreeable or what makes him happy but everything Christ taught is received...

- C. There is a Willingness to Suffer the Shame of the Cross... I Corinthians 1:18-25**
1. Don't forget the uniqueness of Christ's cross...
  2. "His cross is reflected in the crosses we bear..."
- D. Jesus says "Follow Me!"**
1. The Christ of Scripture!
  2. He Leads!
  3. He needs no counsel!
  4. Not an option! Luke 9:23

**Application:**

1. Consider the horror of the word "cross..." I Peter 2:21ff; Matthew 26:42
2. Too little emphasis in the western church...
3. Christians must carry "God given crosses..."
4. Its a mark of our union with Christ...

- III. The Christian Must Find Life and Lose Life for Christ's Sake vs. 39**
- A. Not an Isolated Saying... Matthew 16:25; Mark 8:35; Luke 9:24-25; 17:33; John 12:25**
- B. Jesus Meaning Explained...**

**C. Two Vital Implications**

*1. If you seek to be saved by what we do, you will not be saved...*

*2. If you save yourself from persecutions and hardships in following Christ you will find judgment...*

**Application:**

1. This is not simply a word for martyrs...

2. It is on account of Christ      *John 13:37-38*

3. There is a beautiful promise... *John 12:24*