

A TRUE DISCIPLE 3

A true disciple is a life-long, committed follower of the words and ways of Jesus.

In this series we are calling the church up!

We are calling the church to be more than just a Christian!

We are calling the church up to up to becoming true disciples of Christ.

Disciples choose to make Jesus Lord.

We are called to be those who follow up close.

An ancient Jewish blessing supposedly goes like this, **“May you be covered in the dust of your rabbi.”**

Those who follow so closely behind him when they walked, they would become caked in the dust he kicked up with his feet.

Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

That doesn't happen without closeness.

True Disciples Deal With Sin

The first mention of sin is in Genesis 4

Genesis 4:1-7 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD." 2 Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. 4 Abel also

brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, 5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. 6 So the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? 7 “If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.”

God said don't let sin be your master.

Cain made the wrong choice and as a result sin separated him from God.

Vrs16 Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.

The land of Nod is the land of aimless wondering.

This is where so many people are living today.

They are aimlessly wondering because they are separated from God.

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Sin in the Greek is the word Hamartano
It means to miss the mark, wander off the path and break God's laws

Isaiah 64:6 says that "all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags."

Romans 3:10 As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one;

Sin separates and sin is universal.

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.

Psalm 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

We all need a redeemer!

3 ways True Disciples deal with sin.

1. Identify sin for what it is!

1 Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

Paul recognized who he was apart from the grace of God.

Sin often gets labeled as different things.

My Problem

I have a struggle.

I made a mistake.

I have an issue.

Sin is a disease!

If we don't properly identify the disease we will attempt to cure it with ineffective cures.

Sin is a fallen nature on a fallen planet.

Sin has separated me from God and I have no way to fix myself.

There is only one place sin can be dealt with and it's at the cross of Christ.

2. True Disciples embrace the only remedy for sin!

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

1 Peter 1:18-19 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

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Romans 5:6-9 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

This is the gospel.

3. True Disciples Get Back up!

Falling and failure are a part of the human experience.

This is the road of a true disciple.

Proverbs 24:16 For a righteous man may fall seven times And rise again,

True disciples are unwilling to stay at a distance from their Savior.

We are designed for his presence and true disciples get back up.

We are all in the process of sanctification.

The Bible teaches that sanctification means to be set apart for Holy use.

One of the most amazing things about Jesus is even before you mess up He has a plan to restore you.

Luke 22:31-32 And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. 32 “But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; **and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.”**

Jesus had a plan of restoration for Peter's life before he denied him once.

Luke 22:59 Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, "Surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a Galilean." 61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

I believe the eyes of Jesus said remember what I told you, you're going to get back up.

You have purpose.

Get back up!

1 John 1:8-9 (TPT) 8 If we boast that we have no sin, we're only fooling ourselves and are strangers to the truth. 9 But if we

freely admit our sins when his light uncovers them, he will be faithful to forgive us every time. God is just to forgive us our sins because of Christ, and he will continue to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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