

REAL DISCIPLESHIP TRANSFORMS

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Our Challenge: How do we practice real discipleship

God greatly rewards?

Romans 2:23-24, 23 You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? 24As it is written: “God’s name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.”

Romans 3:1-4, 1 What advantage, then, is there in being a Jew, or what value is there in circumcision? 2Much in every way! First of all, the Jews have been entrusted with the very words of God. 3What if some were unfaithful? Will their unfaithfulness nullify God’s faithfulness? 4Not at all! Let God be true, and every human being a liar . . .

Exodus 25-31; Malachi 1:11

Real Transforming Discipleship

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* Distinct sign - holding to Jesus’ teaching
* Hold - *meno* - to abide, dwell and continue

Matthew 28:18-20, 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

John 15:7-8, 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

* Remain - Greek word *“meno”-* translated hold in John 8:31-32

2 Corinthians 13:5, Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?

John 6:66; Matthew 13:1-23, 36-43, 47-52; Exodus 31:12-13; Malachi 3:17-18

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* Free – *eleuthero* - living exempt from morality that’s a liability

John 8:33-37, 33 They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” 34Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. 37I know that you are Abraham’s descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have no room for my word.

* The real issue of discipleship is do we have room for HIS WORD in OUR HEART!

John 8:59, At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

Luke 4:14-30

Questions:

1. What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
2. What will you do because of it?
3. How can we pray for you?

