

Our Savior and Lord

Section 1: Discipleship and Prayer

Week 2: Becoming His Disciples

Passage: Matthew 16:24-28

What is a disciple? A disciple of Jesus is someone who dies to his old life and surrenders everything to live for Him, his Savior and Lord. What is shameful to the world is now his supreme love and joy, Jesus Christ. Disciples are humble followers and wholehearted students of Jesus.

How do we become disciples? Jesus saves us. Having died and rose again to achieve salvation, Jesus now gives salvation to sinners through the gospel message by the power of the Holy Spirit. Through faith and repentance, we receive new hearts and eternal life through Him. Discipleship, therefore, follows salvation. It is the fruit that grows from the root of knowing Jesus.

How is this possible for proud and selfish sinners? It is possible only by God's grace and power. Only God has the power to make, keep, grow, strengthen, and utilize disciples. And God is faithful; He will surely do it.