



Christianity In Real Life

When You're Ridiculed for Christ

Luke 6:22-23, 26

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1. Count _____ (v.22)

22 "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!

23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

... 26 "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets. (ESV)

2. Beware _____ (v.26)

3. Consider _____ (v.23)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org.

1. Read **1 Peter 4:13-16**. Describe a situation in which you have experienced the truth of this text and enjoyed some of the paradoxical benefits spoken of in these verses?
2. Read **Matthew 10:34-39**. Why do you think this truth is so frequently disregarded in the modern church in this part of the world?
3. Read **2 Corinthians 2:14-17**. What aspects of this passage should motivate and encourage those Christians who simply want to "live their Christianity" without ever speaking up about Christ? And what in this passage identifies the reason so many Christians are afraid to speak up about Christ?
4. Read **Galatians 1:10**. How would you counsel and advise a Christian who has an noticeable craving for people's approval?
5. Read **Romans 8:18** and **Hebrews 11:26**. What can you do to make these kinds of promises more specific and substantial in your mind?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

December 8th
Dan.11-12 & 3Jn.

December 9th
Hos.1-4 & Jude

December 10th
Hos.5-8 & Rev.1

December 11th
Hos.9-11 & Rev.2

December 12th
Hos.12-14 & Rev.3

December 13th
Joel 1-3 & Rev.4

December 14th
Amos 1-3 & Rev.5

December 15th
Amos 4-6 & Rev.6

Audio and video recordings of today's sermon will be available on the Compass Bible Church website (CompassChurch.org). The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 12-42 – **A Controversial Baby: Simeon on the Polarizing Effect of Jesus Christ**

Msg. # 07-38 – **The Enduring Clash with Nativity's Antagonist**

Msg. # 07-05 – **Motivated by Christ's Rewards at His Return**

Msg. # 08-21 – **Gospel Crazy: Unashamed of Its Reproach**

Msg. # 05-63 – **Ashamed? Getting Over Our Feelings to Share the Good News**

Msg. # 07-24 – **Looking Past the Pain to the Prize**

Msg. # 12-14 – **Forecast for a Rebellious World**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. **The Cost of Discipleship**. SCM Press Ltd., 1959.

Carson, D. A. **Telling the Truth: Evangelizing Postmoderns**. Zondervan, 2000.

Craig, William Lane. **Reasonable Faith: Christian Truth and Apologetics**. Crossway Books, 1994.

Fitzpatrick, Elyse. **Overcoming Fear, Worry and Anxiety**. Harvest House Publishers, 2001.

Foxe, John. **Foxe's Book of Martyrs**. The John C. Winston Co., 1926.

Hefley, James and Marti. **By Their Blood: Christian Martyrs of the 20th Century**. Baker Books, 1996.

House, Paul. **Who Will Be Saved? Defending the Biblical Understanding of God & Salvation**. Crossway, 2000.

Lloyd-Jones, Martyn. **A Life of Joy and Peace: An Exposition of Philippians**. Baker Books, 1995.

MacArthur, John. **Anxious for Nothing: God Cares for the Cares of Your Soul**. Victor Books, 2006.

McKeehan, Toby and Mark Heimermann. **Jesus Freaks: Stories of Those Who Stood for Jesus**. Albury Publishing, 1999.

Piper, John. **Battling Unbelief: Defeating Sin with Superior Pleasure**. Multnomah Press, 2007.

St. James, Rebecca. **Sister Freaks: Stories of Women Who Gave Up Everything for God**. FaithWords, 2005

Water, Mark, ed. **The New Encyclopedia of Christian Martyrs**. Baker Books, 2001.

Watson, Thomas. **The Art of Divine Contentment**. Soli Deo Gloria Publications, 1653 (reprint, 1998).

Woodbridge, John. **Ambassadors For Christ: Distinguished Representatives of the Message in the World**. MBI, 1994.