

BRO. LARRY'S SERMON NOTES

Title: Christians Exercise Costly Commitment

Text: Matthew 7:13-23

Review: Let's remember that throughout the Sermon on the Mount Jesus was primarily talking to His disciples, His followers. We read in Matthew 5:1-2 "His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them!"

Teach them what? There is a difference between His disciples and the rest of the world. There is a difference between Christians and non-Christians. In our text for this morning, we are going to learn that to follow Christ means costly commitment.

Introduction: Near the conclusion of the Sermon, Jesus was turning His attention toward encouraging His followers to be committed and warning them against falling by the wayside. To follow Him has never been cheap or easy. To follow Christ means costly commitment. Listen carefully to Jesus' idea about being His disciple. Let's notice:

- I. An _____ Considered
 - A. We can choose to identify with _____ and seek His will.
 - B. We can choose to identify with the _____ and seek our own will.

- II. An _____ Encouraged
 - A. We are encouraged not to judge by mere outward _____.
 - B. We are encouraged to look further than _____.
 - C. We are encouraged not to discern Christians by religious _____.

- III. A _____ Determined
 - A. We are to understand one way leads to _____.
 - B. We are to understand the other way leads to _____.



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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15 A.M.

Praise and Worship

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name
I Sing Praises
Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King
I'd Rather Have Jesus

Welcome & Prayer.....Larry Gipson

Message in Song.....Celebration Choir & Band

He Will Hold Me Fast
Sara Hester, Lonnie Funderburg, Soloists

Message.....Larry Gipson

Living As Christians
Christians Exercise Costly Commitment
Matthew 7:13-23

Time of Commitment

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

ClosingLarry Gipson

Post Service Music.....Celebration Band

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are in memory of Lee Davis
placed by Betty and the Family.

MINISTER OF STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

Thank you for the confidence you placed in the Search Committee in overwhelmingly calling Patrick Dalstra as our new Minister of Students and Young Adults. Pray for his family as they sell their home and find a house locally.

PARENT CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE

Sunday, May 9, 10:15 a.m.
If you would like to participate, please notify the church office by Monday, May 3.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

Offering envelopes are available outside the sanctuary.
FBC Goal - \$10,000.00 * Received to Date - \$9,546.40

BRO. LARRY'S NEW SERMON SERIES

God Still Speaks To Us Through His Holy Spirit

The book, "The Apostles' Code, Unlocking The Power of the Holy Spirit in Your Life" by O.S. Hawkins is available. Please pick up your copy on the tables outside the sanctuary and begin your 40-day journey on the Holy Spirit.

On May 16, Bro. Larry will begin a new series of sermons on Sunday mornings titled ***God Still Speaks To Us Through His Holy Spirit*** that will parallel the book. The following topics will be addressed.

- I. Who is the Holy Spirit?
- II. What does the Holy Spirit do for unbelievers?
- III. What does the Holy Spirit do for believers?
- IV. What is the fruit of the Spirit?
- V. What are the gifts of the Spirit?
- VI. What about tongues?
- VII. How can we develop toward Christlikeness?

Our Response to God's Faithfulness

Our Tithes & Offerings

Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$62,817.90
Budget Receipts to Date in April.....	\$35,032.95