

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:

	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Mark Wright	Sherrill Smith
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Nick Bryant
Scripture Reading	Josh Brasher	Dylan Holt
Closing Prayer	Monte Morris	John Henry Long

NEXT WEEK:

Opening Prayer	Nick Bryant	David Bryant
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Nick Bryant
Scripture Reading	Noah Brasher	Monte Morris
Closing Prayer	David Brasher	Dylan Holt

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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**SUNDAY:** Bible Class 9:00 AM  
Worship 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM  
(Meet-Eat-Meet each fifth Sunday)

**WEDNESDAY:** Bible Study 6:30 PM

**Trezevant Church of Christ**

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# The Follower

October 2, 2022

## Jesus' Riddle about Life

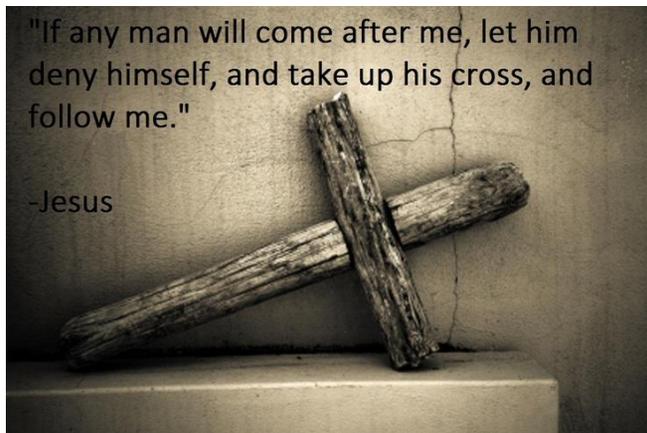
Jesus taught using various methods - sermons such as the Sermon on the Mount (**Matt. 5-7**), parables like the parable of the sower (**Matt. 13:1ff**), and by answering questions asked of Him (**Matt. 22:34ff**). Did you know He also taught using riddles? A good example of this occurred when Jesus said, *"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it"* (**Matt. 16:24-25**). Like most riddles, it seems this is a conundrum - a confusing and difficult problem. How does one save his life yet lose it, or lose his life and yet find it? The answer comes from understanding the meaning of the word *life*. One must be willing to give up his earthly life in order to find eternal life. To come to a good understanding and application of this, consider some things taught by Peter and Paul.

Concerning Jesus' teaching on the difficulty for the rich to enter the kingdom of heaven, Peter said, *"Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee..."* (**Matt. 19:27**). What did he mean they had forsaken all? Some of them, Peter included, were fishermen. They walked away from their life's vocation to (cont'd next pg)

follow the One they were sure was the Christ they had been looking for. Becoming a follower of Jesus meant making sacrificial changes in their earthly lives. In the process, they found eternal life. Paul also was willing to give up much in order to be a disciple of Jesus. He wrote to the church at Philippi that he was of the stock of Israel, the tribe of Benjamin, a Pharisee, and in touching the righteousness of the law, blameless. But he also said he counted all of that as worthless in order to have the excellency of the knowledge of Jesus Christ (**Phil. 3:4ff**). To the churches in Galatia he said, "I am crucified with Christ...but Christ liveth in me (**Gal. 2:20**)." In other words, he lost his earthly life in order to find life in Christ.

We can find the application to our lives from another passage from Paul: *I beseech you therefore, brethren, but the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God (**Rom. 12:1-2**).* When we do that, we will be like Peter and Paul who lost their lives in order to find them in Christ.

~Freeman



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-Jesus

## Remember in Prayer . . .

- **William & Joann** have been homebound with Covid. He is better, but she still has a cough.
- **Sandy** has been dealing with blood pressure issues.

**PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Diane Bray; Patty Wright; Ryan Brockman; Beverly Walters (Shirley's friend - breast cancer returned); Tom Gray (cancer); Robert Williams (Sandy's son-in-law - needs kidney); Celisa; Ginger Avery (Mahans' friend - breast cancer); Lois and DeVon Arrington; Craig Ballentine...

*We Sorrow* with the Peevyhouse family in the passing of Clarise Moss Thursday morning. Her funeral service will be held at 2:00 this afternoon at the Shelton-Hunt Funeral Chapel in Humboldt.

## News and Notes . . .

- **We welcome our visitors;** we are indeed honored to have you with us. Please complete a visitor card and leave it in the pew or the collection plate, and please allow us the opportunity to get acquainted with you following services.
- **Baby Shower honoring Lillie Caroline** at 2:00 this afternoon at Mark & Sharon's.
- **Wednesday night devo: Nick Bryant**
- **Ladies Bible Class** Thursday mornings at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall, studying Heart Diseases and Their Cure.
- **Singing at Skullbone** Friday evening beginning at 7:00.

### MEMORY VERSE - Ephesians 1:3:

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ...*