

A long, straight wooden staircase with railings leads up a grassy hill. The stairs are made of light-colored wood and extend far into the distance, disappearing into a bright, clear sky. The surrounding area is filled with green trees and bushes, suggesting a natural, outdoor setting. The overall scene conveys a sense of upward movement and a path leading to a bright future.

**Three steps for  
believers to follow  
Jesus into  
the kingdom of God**

*“How hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! But not with God; for all things are possible with God.”*

Mark 10:24, 27

*“Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.”*

Acts 14: 22

## LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR LIFE MAKING DISCIPLES

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## 1. *We must be Born again*

*“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’”*

John 3:5-7

The problem started soon after God created all things. Adam was made with a divine nature as a son of the mighty God who is light, because when God breathed His Spirit into Adam, He breathed His life into Adam. But then Adam disobeyed God and sinned against God and died in his spirit according to his divine nature. He was left spiritually poor, as a man made just of flesh, (Gen 6:3) with a sinful human nature walking in darkness without light. Furthermore, when Adam sinned he handed over his birthright and dominion over creation to Satan who is now the prince of darkness who rules the world.

1 John 5:19

As a result of his sin Adam could not remain in close fellowship with God because there can be no fellowship of light with darkness. Thus it is written, *‘Therefore the LORD God sent him out*

*from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.'*

Gen 3:23-24

Since that time, everyone born on earth is born with Adams sinful fleshly nature and carries his spiritual DNA with an inclination towards sin. *"Men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil."* (John 3:19) Therefore just as God is light, man is born into darkness and does not have the light of life. *'For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.'*

Rom 3:23

*'Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.'* (Rom 5:12) *'So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men.'*

Rom 5:18

Because of the sinful nature we inherit from Adam, we are not capable of saving ourselves from sin; we are not able to change darkness into light or to produce light from our darkness.

Consequently we are helplessly lost in the darkness of a sinful world, unless God intervenes on our behalf.

## **God provides the Saviour of the world**

Because of the mercy of God, He promised a Saviour who would bless the whole world. (Genesis 12:3) This Saviour was to come as a newborn baby. (Genesis 3:15) He would come from the seed of a woman, because he would be born of God by the Spirit of God and not from the seed of Adam. The baby was to be a boy. (Isa 7:14) This baby's name was going to be *Immanuel* which means God with us, for He was to be the promised Saviour who would come from God, (Isa 7:14 Matt 1:23) and be God's Son in the world.

Psalm 2:7

God loves the world so much that He wanted to give us every assurance that whoever repents and believes in and obeys His Son could know for certain that they have eternal life. Our Father did not want us to be without hope of salvation, never knowing if we were saved until we came to the last judgement.

So when the time was just right, Jesus came from God into the world of darkness as the light and the life of men. (John 1:1-4) *‘For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly, In that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.’* (Rom 5:6, 8) He came so that all who believe in Him might walk in the light as children of God. (John 1:12-13) *“For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.”* (John 3:17) Jesus came to die for our sins so that we could live. *‘For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.’*  
Rom 6:23

In order for a sacrifice for sin to be effective, it must be perfect and without sin in order to justify the guilty. So God sent His perfect Son to be born as a man in the flesh; He was not from Adams seed. So He did not sin and remained the perfect offering for sin. *‘For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.’* (Heb 4:15) *‘For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.’*  
Heb 10:14

## **Christ, the first born of many who believe**

Those who obediently follow Jesus Christ are cleansed of their sin by His death on the cross. This prepares them so they can be born again with the divine life of God by the Spirit with God's DNA; and at the same time they are baptised by the Spirit who will indwell them as the power of God so they can be holy as He is holy. As a consequence of the Spirit's presence dwelling in them, they can live as the children of God in His Kingdom, for they will be the brethren of Christ. They will be known as those who are in Christ.

All that God is according to His divine nature has been birthed into us who believe so we may be just like Christ. (2 Pet 1:3-4) We have the divine life of God in us, in a similar way that Jesus had the life of God in Him. If we want to know what we should look like so we can grow, we need to look no further than to Jesus Christ Himself. As He is we will be.

Those who are in Christ are brothers and sisters with Him through their spiritual birth. Therefore Christians are those who are destined to be exalted to heavenly glory with Christ because they are like

Him, from the same seed as offspring of God.

Rom 8:29

## **Believers live by God's Spirit**

Therefore we who are in Christ are not just flesh, left to remain as we were before we knew Him. We have undergone a supernatural transformation; we are now literally spirit children of light born of God, with the Spirit of Christ dwelling in us. As the Spirit of God raised Christ from the dead, He also raises us from the dead (that is the dead flesh) giving life to our mortal bodies through His Spirit who now dwells in us.

Consequently we are to live no longer according to the flesh of our former life; we are to live according to the Spirit of Christ who dwells in us, who is now our life. *'You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.'* Rom 8:9

The Scripture says *'Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.'* The old life we had is no longer our reason for living. To those who are born again of His Spirit, He gives His

personal power so we can live our new life without sin controlling us. Gal 5:16

Therefore, because we have received His divine nature and His divine power, our spiritual life must have priority over our fleshly human nature by the powerful working of God in us. Eph 3:20

The Spirit's quality of life is the natural result of those who live in Christ; they will be able to produce His life naturally. (Gal 5:22-23) The fruit on the tree follows the nature of the root. If our root is still in Adam, who was the father of disobedience and sin, our fruit will reflect his nature. Since our root is now in Christ as the true vine, our fruit will reflect His nature. Indeed we should know by the way we live who we believe we really are, whether we are truly born again with a divine nature or we just have a religious cover up.

### **The truth of Jesus will set us free**

Therefore, what we understand and accept to be true has a big impact on our spiritual identity. We must know the truth of Jesus, for His truth will set us free. This is why we should read the Bible

often, *‘Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom’* so it soaks into our minds and hearts. This is why we are told we need to *be renewed in the spirit of our minds*. But we can only be transformed by the renewing of our mind as much as we are willing to believe the truth of what God has done in us.

It is impossible to follow Jesus’ example and walk as He walked if we still think of ourselves in human terms and therefore as fleshly. (Rom 8:7-8) If the only reason for coming to Jesus was to be forgiven our sins so we can go to heaven when we die, then we have not understood that He came to give us the divine nature of God so we can have fellowship with Him and share in His life now; for this is the meaning of eternal life.

### **Jesus wants us to grow up to be like Him**

Our Lord Jesus was Spirit man, born of God in the flesh. If we follow Him we will be born of God in the Spirit. Jesus Christ was the firstborn of His divine nature, and we can follow as those who have also received the divine nature, predestined to become like Him in every way if we only believe and obey.

1 John 3:2

*'Until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.'*

Eph 4:13

Because we are born of God's Spirit, our spiritual growth is more important than our physical life in the world. For those in the world, physical life is more important than a spiritual life which they cannot see because they are blind to the things of God.

So we need to ask ourselves, are we born again through the sacrifice of Jesus for our life? Or are we going another way? Jesus says to all who will listen, "Follow Me." He calls us to follow Him because He is the way to God, the truth of God and the life of God. Have you followed Him so you can be born again in order to walk with God?

## *2. Enter through the narrow gate*

*"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is*

*narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”* Matt 7:13-14

The narrow gate Jesus spoke of was probably the one called the Sheep Gate which passed through Jerusalem's city wall. It was called this because it led out to the sheep markets where lambs were bought to be taken into the Temple to be sacrificed by the High Priest for each man's sins. Now we know Jesus was the “*the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!*” John 1:29

This narrow gate is also likely to be the one through which Jesus went out to Golgotha to be crucified for the sins of the whole world. Therefore Jesus is both our Lamb and our great High Priest who offered Himself up as God's holy sacrifice, and now intercedes for us with God.

### **The narrow gate is difficult to enter**

Now it is our turn to enter the narrow gate and offer our bodies as *a living sacrifice*. Rom 12:1

The narrow gate comes at the end of a narrow pathway which leads to eternal life. The narrow way is different from the broad way of the world which allows its travellers to take anything they

fancy along with them. The narrow way is difficult because it is a way of separation from the world and the things of the world; it causes its travellers to rid themselves of anything that is inconsistent with the life of Christ in the will of God our Father. The narrow way requires the pilgrim to strip themselves of any excess baggage of the world which has no place in the kingdom of God. The narrow way requires removing any clutter of the world from the mind so that no other opinion is carried about life but that which is consistent with the will of God.

The narrow way is not meant to be an easy passage, for it is for training in holiness as the way of changing a natural man into a holy child of God. The narrow way is therefore always difficult to walk unless there is an ongoing trust in God to provide His power to assist in a successful journey. The narrow way naturally requires obedience, determination and perseverance, for its goal is the life of Christ made alive in the life of the pilgrim.

The narrow way is a refining fire which burns away the dross of the world and the sinful ways of

natural man so that the pilgrim will gleam like pure gold. The narrow way can only be walked with eyes on the light of Christ in the heart, so that there is a gradual purging of any darkness hidden in the soul.

For this purpose the narrow way passes through many distractions to test our faithfulness and to improve our character. While walking on the narrow path the pilgrim will see many beautiful flowers beside the path; so beautiful and enticing that they are hard to resist, so close by but also just out of reach from the path of righteousness.

The beauty of flowers appearing so close but just off the solid ground encourages the over confident to leave the path just for a moment to reach for and grasp this object of desire. But the beautiful thing desired of the heart is just a little further than first imagined, and soon the narrow path is further away than safety allows. Having left the safety of the path to reach the object of beauty, the ground becomes a perilous bog which then falls away to a dreadful slope of despair.

The only solid ground of eternal security is on the narrow path, and must be walked in the light of

Christ according to the power of His Spirit working in us as we rely on nothing else but the work of Christ for us and in us to make us to be just like Him.

For those who are not submitted to God, the beautiful flowers on the side are the product of the world's garden. They look like a bigger house, a bigger car, a bigger boat, another holiday, another degree, another opinion, a different plan, a higher mountain, a delicious meal, a religious experience, a sensual pleasure, a bigger endowment, a beautiful woman, a handsome man, a beneficial foundation, and all types of glamorous apparel.

All that is in the world may look beautiful but it is just dust. All the flowers will wither and dry and be blown away as if they never existed. Nothing in the world is ultimately satisfying or promises real security in the hereafter for those who seek eternal life.

### **Our cross is our key to the narrow gate**

The narrow way is joined by taking up the key of the cross of self sacrifice in an attitude of absolute surrender to God in denying the world and the

things of the world as having any purpose or meaning in our life with God. The narrow way is the way of Christ and His Church which must be walked in the same manner as He walked. The narrow way is able to be walked with Him by His cleansing of sin, by a new birth according to His divine nature, and the empowering of His indwelling Spirit.

The narrow way cannot be walked by a natural man according to natural abilities, for this way of the cross is foolishness to him. A natural man may only pretend to walk on the defining path when he wants to gain the acceptance of men by putting on a religious outer garment. Those who are on the narrow way will trust in the promise of God that we may be like His Son. But on the broad way Satan whispers that you have to take things into your own hand and work it out for yourself.

The narrow path God calls us to walk by His power is His plan for our deliverance. It is one of surrender to the cross of Christ, for without surrender there is no repentance. It is one of obedience for without obedience there is no faith.

It is one on service, for without service we are just hearers of the word and do nothing to really please God in overcoming the work of Satan's garden. The narrow gate permits none but the servant heart of obedience that has given up all to gain all of Christ to the glory of God.

The narrow gate comes at the end of the narrow path that Jesus walked. He calls us to follow Him and walk as He walked. When we surrender in obedience to serve Him we will find that God will do in us what is impossible for a man of the flesh to achieve. The narrow way is the way home into the living presence of God in His Kingdom, where the faithful who follow Christ in obedience will receive their crown of Glory.

Jesus has said to those who follow Him *"I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."* (John 8:12) Those who follow Jesus on the way to the narrow gate will not be deceived by the darkness of the world. Those who follow Him are to go into the world of men *"to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may*

*receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.”*

Acts 26:18

## **The narrow way has many obstacles**

From Satan's perspective, the beautiful flowers and the exquisite fruit growing in the garden of the world on the side of the road are there to hold men in his power so that they ignore God who is the giver of life in the Spirit. They are there to entice everyone to satisfy the flesh of their fallen human nature. But the world and the things of the world cannot be taken into eternity. Eternity holds either eternal death and darkness and the gnashing of teeth for those who walk the broad way, or eternal life bathed in the light of the Spirit giving glory to God in His Kingdom for those who enter through the narrow gate.

Some may think that a little excursion from the narrow way is not such a big problem if you intent to get back on track. However according to the Lord there are only the two options available to man. The way is broad that leads to destruction, and the way narrow way that leads to life, and there are few who find it. We are either going

through the narrow gate or we are on the broad way that leads to destruction.

A little excursion not only dishonours the pilgrim but also dishonours Jesus who gives the gift of His life in exchange for our death. A little excursion is saying we desire the darkness more than the light.

### **The narrow gate requires perseverance**

Therefore to remain steadfastly on the narrow path requires our single minded faithfulness if we are ever going to enter into our heavenly home to live with God. The beautiful flowers along the way are the forbidden fruit of Satan's garden that deceives the soul, and blinds it into choosing a life of being separated from God to eternal destruction.

Therefore the narrow gate is not for those who haven't counted the cost. The narrow way is not for those who do not seek God's Kingdom with all their hearts and strength.

The narrow way is for all those who hate their life in the world, who are convicted of their sin and are willing to lay down their life and take up their cross so that they can be blessed with all the promises of God. The narrow way is for those

who would walk with God so that one day they will be like Christ. Do not look to the right or to the left but look to Christ who is our gate to eternal life. The Lord Jesus said, *“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.”* John 10:27-28

### *3. Deny yourself, and take up your cross*

*He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.”(Luke 9:23) “Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.’ (Luke 14:27) “He who does not take his cross and follow after Me, is not worthy of Me.”* Matt 10:38

Going by what Jesus declared to those who would follow Him, the real proof of repentance is not works, it's not confession of some religious formula, it's not a big smile and a charismatic nature, it's not lovely words, and it's not a good education, nor is it long prayers, and it's not fervent worship; the real proof of repentance is

our death on a cross. Taking up our cross is the proof we have undertaken to die to self determination in order to follow Jesus and obey Him as the only valid reason for living.

The cross Jesus offers to all who would have eternal life is the wonderful key to heaven. To refuse this cross is to announce to all that we are going our own way. So in His own words, we are unworthy of Him. (Matt 10:38) While the cross we bear is death to self, it is also the only way we can save our lives. (Matt 16:25) Not only this, Jesus' call to take up our cross is to be our daily experience, not just once and then lay it down, but daily. (Luke 9:23) Whoever does not take up this cross cannot claim to be a follower of Jesus, for without a cross we cannot be His disciples.

### **It is a cross of obedience**

John the Baptist declared the need for obedience when he said, *'He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.'*

John 3:36

When Jesus came to live and die on a cross for the sins of the world, He did so in obedience to God

our Father. When He looked death in the face He said, *“Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.”*

Luke 22:42

*‘Although He existed in the form of God, He did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name.’*

Phil 2:6-9

Now Jesus calls us to follow Him in obedience, even unto death on our cross.

One glorious day Jesus will return to separate the obedient from the disobedient. (Matt 25:32) *‘Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.’*

2 Thess 1:7-8

## **Our cross is a yoke of learning from Him**

In taking up our cross, Jesus calls us to learn from Him and for Him. *“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”*

Matt 11:29-30

Taking up the cross is the only way our sinful life can be put to death in order that we can live the resurrected life Jesus gives all who will obey Him. Taking up the cross shows the world our willingness to die to self in order to live for God. Furthermore taking up our cross shows the determination needed to die to self interest and the comfort of the world, so that we can live for the interests of God.

This is why the cross is the only key to the narrow gate that leads to eternal life. Doing works for God won't work. Knowing all theology about God won't get us into heaven. Saying religious prayers won't open the door. Knowing every creed and statement of faith will not be of any help if we want to live with God.

Only a cross will open the way to God because those who carry a cross follow Jesus and do the works of His Father. Only those who follow Jesus know Him and obey all He has commanded so that they are also known by Him.

If we are serious about following Jesus we must have a cross like His otherwise we will not know His heart. Jesus said *“This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”* (John 17:3) This knowledge doesn’t just know about the Father and Jesus, it is knowledge that only comes when we are intimate with the heart of the Father and the Son by giving up our life in the flesh so we can live with them in the unity of the Spirit.

## **Our cross is a cross of proclaiming Him**

In taking up our cross Jesus tells us that what we hear from Him in secret we should proclaim to the world from rooftops. *“What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops.”*

Matt 10:27

What He teaches us, and gives of His power are free gifts, we are required to freely share this with the world. *“Freely you received, freely give.”*

Matt 10:8

Our cross is a testimony that we follow Jesus the only Son of God who died for the sins of the world. And because we testify for Him before all men, He testifies for us before the Father. *“Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.”* (Matt 10:32) The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy saying, *“Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God.”* 2 Tim 1:8

## **Our cross is a cross of humble service**

Jesus came from heaven to die on a cross for the sins of the world. He calls all those who want to enter heaven to follow His example and take up their own cross to die to self interest so that they can live for the interest of His Father, and have life and peace. In taking up His cross Jesus came to serve and not to be served. In taking up our cross we become the servants of all.

*“Do not be called leaders; for One is your Leader, that is, Christ. But the greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.”*

Matt 23:10-12

*“You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him.”*

John 13:13-16

## **Our cross is simple living**

Jesus always showed a lack of concern for the world and the things of the world. He had few possessions as He walked around the land of His people. He had no house He could call His own to live in. He even said He had nowhere to lay His head. *“The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.”* (Matt 8:20) While Jesus may have had little of the material world to call His own, He was rich because He always had the Father. *“Yet I*

*am not alone, because the Father is with Me.”*

John 16:32

The things of the world are not to entangle us so we fail to follow His example. The Apostle John gives us a warning about being entangled in the world of things. *‘Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.’* 1 John 2:15

### **Our cross is a cross of suffering**

Jesus knew that His disciples would suffer *“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves. But beware of men, for they will hand you over to the courts and scourge you in their synagogues; and you will even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.”* Matt 10:16-18

*“Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.(Matt 10:34) “They will make you outcasts from the synagogue, but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God.”* John 16:2

## **Our cross is an enduring joy**

*'let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.'*

Heb 12:1-2

The joy that awaited Jesus also awaits us who follow Him with our cross. *'So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.'*

2 Cor 4:16-18

Jesus promised we will suffer with Him; but He also promised His loving presence all the days of our lives. *"I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*(Matt 28:20) He said *"If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as*

*I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.*"

John 15:10-11

The greatest opportunity to do great things for God is to follow Jesus and do what He has commanded us to do. The greatest satisfaction we can experience is to be chosen by Him to be on His team so that He can coach us to realise His potential in us. If we have come to Jesus and taken His yoke upon ourselves, we are His disciples and we are called to make more disciples.

## **Our cross means making disciples**

Jesus calls us to take up our cross and go into the entire world to make disciples of all nations who will follow Jesus' example, and take up their cross so they can walk as He walked. *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

Matt 28:19-20

This is the real mission for all who follow Jesus. As He made disciples of us, He calls us to go and make disciples who will take up their cross to follow Him. Making disciples is not an option for the cross bearer, it is the reason we live.

Jesus doesn't want anyone to miss out on being able to walk with Him. So as the Father sent Him, He sends us to all the people of the world, to those who speak every language under heaven.

In order to make disciples we testify both of the love and the judgement of our Father who sent His Son into the world that all men may receive eternal life through believing and obeying His Son. Teaching disciples to observe all that Jesus commanded is not the same as teaching just what He said. Having knowledge of what Jesus taught is of no value to the disciple unless it is put into practice through obedience. And Jesus knows that only those who love Him will obey Him. He said, *“He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”* John 14:21

This is the teaching He has commanded us to teach those who become His disciples to obey. We must never forget that information or knowledge about God is never a substitute for loving obedient intimacy with God.

Our Lord wants us to teach what He taught so other disciples can obey Him in order that He will come with the Father to abide in them by the Spirit. When we become disciples, Jesus makes us fishers of men, so in teaching all He has commanded, we do so in the knowledge that Jesus continues to teach His disciples today. So He calls all those who would believe in Him to come out of the world to live for God by following the example of His life as His disciples.

So we grow up into Him while making disciples of all nations. *‘Until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ.*

Eph 4:13, 15

# Living Water Resources

Come to the River



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