

COMMITMENT TO CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

INTRODUCTION:

1. Every Christian Must Make a Deep-Seated Commitment to Service.

- A. Matt. 8:19-22: “Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, ‘Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.’ Then another of His disciples said to Him, ‘Lord, let me first go and bury my father.’ But Jesus said to him, ‘Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead.’”

2. Service to Christ Involves Cross-Bearing.

- A. Mark 8:34-38: “And when He had called the people to Him, with His disciples also, He said to them, ‘Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.’”

- B. All Christians have been baptized.

I. AT BAPTISM WE MADE OR SHOULD HAVE MADE DEFINITE COMMITMENTS TO CHRIST.

1. That Christ Would Come First in Our Lives Before Anyone Else.

- A. This includes anything else.

2. That Because of our Salvation We Would Gladly Help Save Others.

- A. Save them from what? - A life of misery.

- A life without meaning - fulfillment.

- A life to save from eternal Hell.

3. That Christ's Church Would Come Before Any Human Organization.
 - A. That I would support it loyally with my presence at worship.
 - B. That I would support it loyally with my money.
 - C. That our presence at church assemblies would be loyal.
4. We Made the Commitment to Set the Christ-Like Example.
 - A. We would faithfully train our children in the way of the Lord.
 - B. We would set the example on our jobs as The Master directs.
5. That the Great Mission of the Church to Save the World Be Paramount.
 - A. That our congregation would have a world vision.
6. That We Would Point Our Faces Toward Heaven and Never Give Up.
 - A. We would pay every cost required.
 - B. Fight the good fight, finish the course, keep the faith, win the crown.

LET NONE FAIL ON OUR COMMITMENT.