

Dying-Twice!

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John 12:20-26

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. 21 So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." 22 Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

The Truth Speaks-The Hour has come-The Son of Man is to be Glorified

Christ gives truth about himself-this becomes truth about us

On His way to Glory

His Father will raise Him from the dead and give Him a name above every other

The way is hard-the hard things:

1. Verse 24: the grain of wheat must die-2. Verse 25: Jesus calls us to hate our lives in this world
3. Verse 26a: Jesus calls us to follow him 4. Verse 26b: he calls us to serve him

The way is glorious-the glorious things

1. Verse 24: Yes the seed must die' but "if it dies it bears much fruit" the death is not in vain. It is significant
2. Verse 25: Yes, if we love our lives, we will lose them; and yes we must hate our lives in this world.
But why? What will be the outcome? That we may keep it to Eternal Life!
3. Verse 26a: Yes, we must follow him to Calvary. But with what outcome?
"But where I am, there shall my servant be"
4. Verse 26b: Yes, we must become His servants. But what does the Father do? "If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him"

So, do not miss the glory in this hard life of being a Christian

1. We die 2. We hate our lives in this world 3. We follow Jesus on the Calvary road 4. We become servants
When we do we will find that
 1. We bear much fruit 2. We keep our lives for eternal life 3. We join Jesus where he is in glory 4. The Father honors us
- Before revival and fruit bearing: Death**

If you are a Christian, You have already died-Our Position

Galatians 5:24 Now those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Romans 6:5 His death became our death so that his life might become our life

Colossians 3:3 You have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified in Christ, It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me

If you are a Christian God calls you to die daily-Our Condition

Luke 9:23 Jesus said " If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. (Jesus means a daily dying)

Romans 6 after verse 5 we "were united in Christ in the likeness of his death," verse 6 our " old self was crucified with him" but verse 11" Consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ"

Colossians 3:5 "Therefore put to death the members of our sinful body on the earth, immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed.

In true sobriety ask: Is there something that is hindering my fruitfulness in Christ?

Show us Lord and we will obey the Word and put it to death by the Spirit-Romans 8