

## RADICAL LIVING - MATTHEW 10:32-39

### Confess Christ Before Men

<sup>32</sup> “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”

### Christ Brings Division

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; <sup>36</sup> and ‘a man’s enemies *will be* those of his *own* household.’ <sup>37</sup> He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>38</sup> And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>39</sup> He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.”

## I. RADICAL CONTRAST IN CONVERSION

- A. Dead in sin . . . alive in Christ - Romans 6:13
- B. Goats and . . . sheep - Matthew 25:31-33
- C. Fools and . . . wise - Proverbs 1:7
- D. Cursed and . . . blessed - Deuteronomy 11:26-28
- E. Darkness and . . . light - Ephesians 5:8; I Thessalonians 5:4,5; I Peter 2:9; I John 1:5-7
- F. Aliens/strangers and . . . citizens of heaven - Ephesians 2:19
- G. Enemies and . . . reconciled - Colossians 1:21, 22
- H. Natural man and . . . spiritual man - Ephesians 4:20-24
- I. Unbeliever and . . . believer - John 3:16-18
- J. Servants of sin and . . . servants of Christ - Romans 6:14-18
- K. Old life . . . new life - 2 Corinthians 5:17
- L. All of John 3
- M. All of I John
  - 1. Fellowship with God the Father
  - 2. Forgiveness of sin
  - 3. New commandment to love
  - 4. New hatred of the world and by the world
  - 5. New discernment of false doctrine
  - 6. New power to obey God - Romans 8:7
  - 7. New hope and assurance - Ephesians 2:12

## II. RADICAL LIFE

- A. New perspective
- B. New marching orders
- C. New family - I John 3:1
- D. Fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5:22, 23
- E. New desires - Hebrews 11:16; I Peter 2:2; II Cor. 5:2
- F. New pain
  - 1. In the battle - Matthew 10: 32-39; Acts 14:19, 20
  - 2. In God's chastening hand - Hebrews 12:7-11
- G. New influence - the power of our witness
- H. Hindrances - Matthew 13:22; Ephesians 2:1-3; 6:10-12
- I. Helps - Colossians 3:1-3; Ephesians 6:13-18

## III. RADICAL EXPECTATION

- A. Titus 2:13
- B. Psalm 16:11
- C. Luke 10:20
- D. John 14:1-3