

All To Jesus I Surrender

Luke 9:18-27

INTRODUCTION

Last week we concluded the series on “Raising Our Future.” In my talk last week, I discussed how one of the biggest issues in the Christian church is our lack of surrender to God. That will be our focus of discussion this morning.

Let’s first begin with an understanding of surrender that will align Biblically. Many of us think of surrender as giving up, and yes it is that, but you have to ask yourself why am I giving up. The answer is simple because you are going about it the wrong way. For example, if you are going the wrong way to an intended destination the quicker you “give up” going the wrong way the quicker you can actually arrive at your intended destination.

Surrender - stop resisting an opponent and submit to their authority.¹

This seems to be the best understanding of a Biblical view of surrender. The Bible teaches that before Christ we are enemies to God.

Romans 5:10

For if, when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!²

We, by our natural selves, live as enemies to God opposing His good. The discipleship process of the Christian life is removing all of those natural tendencies of our rebellion and learning a new self, because the old has gone, in which we naturally live a life align to that of Christ Jesus.

Ron Smith

It’s learning to live now how we will live then.

C.S. Lewis

Fallen man is not simply an imperfect creature who needs improvement: he is a rebel who must lay down his arms. Laying down your arms, surrendering, saying you are sorry, realizing that you have been on the wrong track and getting ready to start life over again from the ground floor-that is the only way out of a "hole." This process of surrender-this movement full speed astern-is repentance.

¹Soanes, C., & Stevenson, A. (Eds.). (2004). *Concise Oxford English dictionary* (11th ed.). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

²*The Holy Bible: New International Version*. (1984). (Ro 5:10). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

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Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say I am?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.”

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”

Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

Then he said to them all: **“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?** If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”³

I. Desire

Many people in the church, and in a broader sense the world, desire:

- Heaven,
- They desire forgiveness,
- They desire a clean slate,
- They desire to be guilt free,
- They desire to get rid of the shame,
- They desire to live in bliss and blessing,
- They desire the fellowship and familiarity that comes within community,
- They desire the world to be a better place,
- They desire for good morals to resurge to a prominent place in society.
- They desire for wars to cease and for there to be world peace...etc.
- But deep down many who desire these don't desire Jesus! And sadly the church is full of these folks.

Oswald Chambers

“The reason some of us are such poor specimens of Christianity is because we have no Almighty Christ. We have Christian attributes and experiences, but there is no abandonment to Jesus Christ.

³*The Holy Bible: New International Version*. (1984). (Lk 9:18–27). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

⁴*The Holy Bible: New International Version*. (1984). (Lk 9:62). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

II. Denial

Clovis Chappell

God owns all; He owns me; He owns my home; He owns my children; He owns my property. I have called your attention before to the fact that the modern idea of ownership is pagan. The Christian idea is this: that God is the absolute owner of all things.

Luke 9:62

Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."⁴

III. Death

Galatians 2:19-20

For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

ANYONE CAN WEAR ONE, CAN YOU BEAR ONE

Matthew 6:24

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

IV. Daily

D.L. Moody

Let us pray, and as we pray, let us make room for Jesus in our hearts.

V. Decision

Billy Sunday

Conversion is a complete surrender to Jesus. It's a willingness to do what he wants you to do.

A.W. Pink

Taking up my "cross" means a life voluntarily surrendered to God.

Joshua 24:15

But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Chip Ingram

God always has and always will look for men and women who say to Him, 'I trust you so much, I'm all in. I want your way not mine. I am willing to live by faith!'

⁴*The Holy Bible: New International Version*. (1984). (Lk 9:62). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

CONCLUSION

A.W. Tozer

Faith, as Paul saw it, was a living, flaming thing leading to surrender and obedience to the commandments of Christ.

Andrew Murray

God is ready to assume full responsibility for the life wholly yielded to Him.

D.L. Moody

Let God have your life; He can do more with it than you can.

I SURRENDER ALL

All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

I surrender all,
I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Now I feel the sacred flame.
Oh, the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to His name!