

“Losing Life to Gain It”

John 12:20-37a

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Jesus gives us **two understandings** that are crucial for you to know if we are to know and follow Him.

Understanding #1: JESUS SACRIFICED EVERYTHING SO THAT WE MIGHT **HAVE LIFE**, AND HE EXPECTS EVERYTHING IN RETURN.

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, 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. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If 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. John 12:20-26 (English Standard Version)

Atonement = the work that Christ did in his death to pay for the sins of the world and make a relationship with God possible

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. ²⁴Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. ²⁵For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. Romans 3:23-25a (New Living Translation)

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree . . . 1 Peter 2:24a (New International Version)

You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. 1 Corinthians 6:19b-20a (ESV)

Understanding #2: THE **CROSS OF JESUS** ACCOMPLISHED EVERYTHING WE NEED FOR A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." John 12:27-36 (ESV)

Three Effects of Jesus Death on the Cross

- It brings judgment.
- It breaks the power of Satan in the world.

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 1 John 3:8b (NIV)

- It makes a relationship with God possible for everyone.

This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference. Romans 3:22 (NIV)