

Romans 12:1-2 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

- These verses show that a **Christian has some decisions to make** as to what _____ of Christian they will be.

- One who has decided to _____ themselves to God for greater service.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies ...

- One who has decided to live a _____ that acceptable to God and not themselves.

... a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

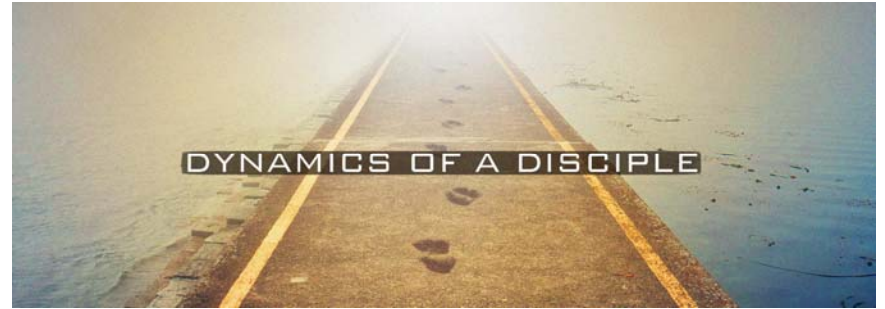
- One who has decided to not be _____ to this world but be transformed in the way they live.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, ...

- One who has decided to be a _____ to this world of the fact that the will of God is best.

... that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

- The basic understanding a potential disciple is required to know is that **there is a _____ between being a disciple and being a believer.**



MIDWEEK SERVICE | THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

Disciples Accept Requirements

Luke 9:57-62 *And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. 58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. 59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. 60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. 61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. 62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*

- A disciple is one who will accept the requirements of being a disciple that are set forth in _____.
- Let's answer some questions about requirements.
 - _____ is a requirement? A requirement is a thing demanded or mandatory. Something that is not _____.
 - How do we _____ a requirement?
 - By being _____ to it.
 - By being _____ to it.
 - Does _____ require obedience?

Leviticus 22:31 *Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I am the Lord.*

Leviticus 26:3 *If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;*

Deuteronomy 5:10 *And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.*

Joshua 22:5 *But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the Lord charged you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.*

- Did _____ demand obedience?

John 14:15 *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

1 John 5:3 *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.*

- Is being a disciple a _____ thing? No, it's an _____ thing.

John 15:10 *If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.*

1 John 2:3 *And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.*

- Am I _____ just as I am? For _____, yes, for _____, no.

John 15:14 *Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.*

Before you were saved, you were faced with a choice.

- Will I _____ God's free gift of eternal life or will I _____ God's free gift of eternal life?
 - Receive = _____ Eternity!

Romans 6:23b ... but **the gift of God** is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 14:1-3 *Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for*

you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

- Reject = _____ Eternity!

Romans 6:23a *For the wages of sin is death*

Revelation 20:14-15 *And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

If you make the right decision about salvation, you are still faced with a choice.

- Will I _____ to be a disciple and true follower of Christ or will I _____ to be a disciple and follower of Christ.
 - Decline = _____ Disciples!

John 6:66 *From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.*

- Decide= _____ Disciples!

John 6:67-69 *Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? 68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. 69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.*

- A reason we may struggle with making the decision about discipleship could be that we don't see the result of that wrong decision being as bad as the result of a wrong decision about _____.

1. The Requirement of _____

Luke 14:27 *And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.*

Luke 14:33 *So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.*

- Discipleship is way _____ than being a Christian.