

A Deepening Need
Matthew 10:1, 5a, 32-42

I would like to start with a question: "Do you own up Christ in your life? Not just in part, but the whole of your life?"

How serious are we about our relationship with Christ? Are we cold toward him? Are we on fire for him? Or, are we just lukewarm? Hear the words of Jesus in Revelation 3:16.

It may seem easier, more "peaceful" for us to hide Christ, even before our families, but it won't last long. At the end of our lives, at the end of time, based upon how we lived, where will we stand? With Jesus or against him?

In the eyes of the world, we may have lost our minds when we chose to carry Christ's cross, but we will not be judged by the world, but by God, the Christian and the non-believer alike. The Apostle Paul tells us that one day every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and King (Philippians 2:10-11). On that day, will we bow willingly before the God we served faithfully or will we be forced to drop on our knees before the greatness of God because we realized we missed out?

You see, the world is on the cusp. They have a deepening need, but they don't know for what. Some are ready to receive us, our message, and our Savior, others are not. But how will we know who will come if we never go? For Christ we are to go remembering even the simple efforts in his name do not go unnoticed by God.

As we close this series, remember that in all we do, we should do it as if we are doing it for Jesus (Colossians 3:17). In every part of our lives, if we do it for him, not only will we be blessed, but we will also bless others in need of him as well by simply shining his light in the darkness of their lives. Know that whoever finds their life in Christ, and not in the world, will receive their reward.