



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

We must finish! Too many start with Christ Jesus and do not finish. No commitment or life just wears them down. No matter what the reason, we must finish.

We've seen many a half-time in a football game and a reporter will speak with one of the head coaches. They ask, "What are you going to do in the second half?" Almost every coach says the same thing, "We've got to finish!"

Jesus said it this way: ***"For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'"*** (Luke 14:28-30)

In Christ, our lives are headed somewhere, or they should be. Our aim, our goal because of the cleansing blood of Jesus is our focus on what is awaiting in the end. No matter what we face, no matter how complicated life becomes, Jesus bought us back by dying our death so we can enjoy the eternal relationship with Him and the Father. Something grand, glorious and permanent is awaiting. Jesus made sure of that for us.

The only thing that will determine the outcome will be, will we finish with Him? Peter reminds all of us: ***For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them. It has happened to them according to the true proverb, 'A dog returns to its own vomit,' and, 'A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire.'"*** (II Peter 2: 20-22) Peter says, ***"It would be better not to have known!"*** To never know of the saving grace through the blood of Christ and turn back to what was before is tragic and a mockery of Jesus.

We must finish! We must remain true to Jesus and His gospel of salvation in our lives. Don't quit! Don't get side-tracked! Satan is throwing everything he can at us to bring us back to himself. Stand with Jesus. Commit to Jesus with all our heart as the eternal promises are great. FINISH! Think about it!!!

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