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Authentic Christianity—as Viewed from the Throne - Part 1

Maybe this is the most important lesson I have ever offered you. It is different. It will challenge you to be totally honest with God. How much do you really love Him? Enough to surrender totally to His will for your life? Enough to look at “self” as dead, and Jesus alone as ruler of your life?

I want to see who is out there with a heart that beats for Jesus and whose greatest desire is to please the heart of the Father who gave you and me His precious Son. God wants to make you a true disciple – a spiritual warrior – and put His burden for the unsaved of this world into your heart.

THESE ARE THE FACTS

God gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as His unspeakable gift to the world to die for all men so that those trusting Him can have forgiveness of sins and eternal life. (John 3:16, 2 Corinthians 9:15)

Most of the world yet lives and dies without ever experiencing the life-giving presence of the Savior. (Matthew 9:36-38)

Those who know Jesus are to follow Him in the pursuit of souls and not of self. (Matthew 4:19)

The time is short in both brevity of life and the prophetic signs of the times. (1 Corinthians 7:29-31)

Christians are urged to hasten Christ’s return through holy and obedient lives. (2 Peter 3:12)

Jesus said that world evangelism must precede His glorious return and reign. (Matthew 24:14)

God’s purposes are best fulfilled in those who are completely abandoned to Him with no other answer to the Holy Spirit’s orders than “Yes Lord!” (Acts 9:6)

OUR RESPONSE:

Relying on the power of God who works in us to will and to do His good pleasure, we offer our lives to the following covenant made before God and each other. (Philippians 2:13)

THE COVENANT

1. To want Jesus more than the air we breathe—because life would be meaningless and worthless without Him. (Philippians 3:8)
2. For our “First Love” Jesus to direct all other loves. (Revelation 2:4; Mark 12:30, 31)
3. To hold a “Big Kingdom” perspective regarding the entire body of Christ by being a servant of all. (Mark 10:43-45)

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4. To determine to study “all scripture” so as to know the Father’s will. (2 Timothy 3:16)
5. To measure love *for* Christ by obedience *to* Him. (John 14:21,23)
6. To have a willingness to have Christ’s burden for souls outweigh all other concerns. (2 Corinthians 5:14, 15)
7. To be willing to have God enlarge our hearts to embrace His world vision. (Acts 1:8)
8. To hold the conviction that all we possess belongs to God. (1 Corinthians 4:7)
9. To embrace a one-way mission, cost what it may, to not go back from the call of Christ. (Luke 9:62; Philippians 3:13,14)
10. To daily ask the Father to make each of us a Pauline pattern of servant-leadership (“Follow me as I follow Christ”) whose lives clearly demonstrate Christ’s love and radiate His truth. (1 Corinthians 11:1)

MY DEDICATION PRAYER TO GOD

“With eternal gratitude for Your sacrifice in offering up Your beloved Son, and for Jesus’ sacrifice in giving His life to save me, I come to You, my Father, with this prayer. I want my life to be only for You. I am not my own but have been bought with the price of the blood of Christ. Take me—spirit, soul, mind and body—and make me a living sacrifice that brings You glory. Work in me both to will and to do Your good pleasure. Cause me to die to self so that Your resurrection life can make my new life fruitful in Christ. I want Jesus to always be my first love and Your plans, my Father, to be fulfilled in my life. Cause me to measure love *for* You by obedience *to* You. Where

I doubt, help my unbelief. Where I’m weak, make me strong. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and make me a warrior whose life will model Your truth and whose lips will declare Your love. This prayer I offer You in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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