

Deny Self

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Context

- Luke 9:10ff Feeding of the 5,000.
- Luke 9:18 “Who do the multitudes say that I am?” cf. Luke 9:7ff (north of Caesarea Philippi, Mark 8:27)
- Luke 9:20 “But who say ye that I am?”
- Luke 9:22ff
 - The death & resurrection of Jesus.
 - The death of his followers.

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“If any man.” UNIVERSAL

- The promise is unto all. Genesis 12:1-3; Isaiah 2; Joel 2; Daniel 2; Acts 2:21, 39; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 10:13
- Hard to accept. Acts 10, 11, 15; Galatians.
- All to come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:4
- All to repent. Acts 17; 2 Peter 3:9

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“Would come.” PURPOSE.

Invitation. Matthew 11:28; Revelation 22:17; cf. Isaiah 40:27ff; cf. John 4

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“After me.” PERSON

- Some followed for the wrong reason. John 6:68
- Confusion about what the church is.
- Must follow HIM. John 8:24; 14:6; Acts 4:12
 - Be like him. “O to be like thee...” 2 Peter 2:21

O To Be Like Thee #97

- Oh! to be like Thee, blessed Redeemer,
This is my constant longing and prayer;
Gladly I'll forfeit all of earth's treasures,
Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear.
- Oh! to be like Thee, full of compassion,
Loving, forgiving, tender and kind,
Helping the helpless, cheering the fainting,
Seeking the wand'ring sinner to find.
- Oh! to be like Thee, lowly in spirit,
Holy and harmless, patient and brave;
Meekly enduring cruel reproaches,
Willing to suffer, others to save.
- Oh! to be like Thee, Lord, I am coming,
Now to receive th' anointing divine;
All that I am and have I am bringing,
Lord, from this moment all shall be Thine.

○ To Be Like Thee #97

- *Refrain:*
Oh! to be like Thee, oh! to be like Thee,
Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art;
Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness;
Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart.

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"Let him." INDIVIDUAL

- Independent of others. cf. Matthew 10:34ff; Galatians 6:4; 2 Corinthians 13:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:11

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"Deny himself." SUBJECTION

- Demands service. John 12:26-27
- Contrary to "me first" attitude. cf. Luke 9:57-62; Luke 14:26
- Surrender my will. cf. Naaman. 2 Kings 5

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"And take up his cross." SACRIFICE

- More than the burdens of life. Luke 14:27, 33; Galatians 6:5
- Old man "crucified." Romans 6:6; Galatians 5:24; cf. Colossians 2:20-3:17; Galatians 2:20; 6:14
- Disown self, gain Christ. Philippians 3:7-11; cf. Matthew 13:45-46

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"Daily." (peculiar to Luke) FAITHFUL

- (Pistos) "worthy of trust; that can, be relied on" (Thayer)
- Danger of drifting. Hebrews 2:1-3; 3:13
- Search the scriptures daily. Acts 17:11
- Rejection results from neglect. cf. Luke 15; Luke 8:13
- Consistency is necessary. cf. Hebrews 10:36, 39

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"And follow me." ACTION

- Power of example. 1 Peter 2:21; Galatians 4:19; 1 John 2:6
- Get up and move. Hebrews 12:12-13

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Conclusion:

- Worth it?
- Life or death! Luke 9:24-26

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