# 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. I Timothy 2:4
- All to repent. Acts 17; 2 Peter 3:9

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"<u>Would come</u>." 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.

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## O 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. Luke 9:23 "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

# "Let him." INDIVIDUAL

Independent of others. cf. Matthew
 10:34ff; Galatians 6:4; 2 Corinthians 13:5;
 I 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 2:20:4:14
- Disown self, gain Christ. Philippians 3:7-11;
   cf. Matthew 13:45-46

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# "<u>Daily</u>." (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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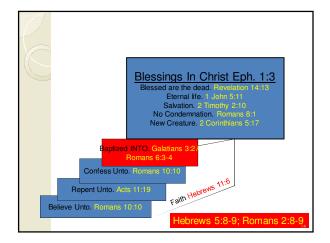
#### "And follow me." ACTION

- Power of example. I Peter 2:21; Galatians 4:19; I 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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