



THE KING & HIS KINGDOM

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Confessing Christ in a Costly World

Matthew 10:32–42

What causes us to hesitate from being like Jesus?

Jesus calls His disciples to fearless confession,
supreme love, and gracious service,
showing the world what it means to truly be like Him.

Matthew 10

32 “Therefore, everyone who will acknowledge me before others, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.

33 But whoever denies me before others, I will also deny him before my Father in heaven.

Romans 10:9–11

If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says, Everyone who believes on him will not be put to shame.

Matthew 10

34 Don't assume that I came to bring peace on the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I came to turn
a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
36 and a man's enemies will be
the members of his household.

Matthew 10

37 The one who loves a father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; the one who loves a son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

38 And whoever doesn't take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Anyone who finds his life will lose it, and anyone who loses his life because of me will find it.

Philippians 3:10–11

My goal is to know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, assuming that I will somehow reach the resurrection from among the dead.

1 Peter 4:13–14

Instead, rejoice as you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may also rejoice with great joy when his glory is revealed. If you are ridiculed for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

Romans 8:16–17

We are God's children, and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Matthew 10

40 “The one who welcomes you welcomes me, and the one who welcomes me welcomes him who sent me. 41 Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward. And anyone who welcomes a righteous person because he’s righteous will receive a righteous person’s reward.

Matthew 10

42 And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, truly I tell you, he will never lose his reward.”

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Confess Christ now — be confessed by Christ forever.

Love Jesus most — and you'll love others best.

Serve Christ's people — and you serve Christ Himself.