

## Series: Things That Accompany Salvation

Hebrews 6:9

### Message 4: The Cost of Serving Christ

Luke 14:25-35

#### I. The Prerequisite for Serving (25-26)

##### A Supreme Love for Christ!

###### A. A Pruning (25)

1. Jesus is Not Interested in Crowds
2. Jesus is Interested in Commitment!

###### B. A Privilege (26A)

**Joshua 24:15** ... choose you this day whom ye will serve; ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

###### C. A Priority (26B)

###### 1. Christ Above Family

###### a. A Caution to Be Observed

**Exodus 20:12** Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land ...

**Ephesians 6:1-3**... Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) ...

###### b. A Command to Be Obeyed

**Mark 10:28** Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.

###### 2. Christ Above Self

**Luke 5:27-28** ... he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me. 28 And he left all, rose up, and followed him.

**Philippians 3:8** ... I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

**Matthew 6:31-33** ... But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

###### D. A Parting (26C)

#### II. The Price of Serving (27)

##### A Service to Christ!

###### A. The Cross

###### B. The Coming

**Matthew 16:21** From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

###### C. The Contrast

#### III. The Pictures of Serving (28-35)

##### A Surrender to Christ!

###### A. A Picture of Construction (28-29)

1. A Reckoning (28)
2. A Ridicule (29-30)

###### B. A Picture of Combat (31-33)

1. A Tally That is Taken (31)
2. A Truce That is Tendered (32)
3. A Truth that is Taught (33)

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

###### C. A Picture of Corruption (34-35)

1. The Desirability of Salt (34A)
2. The Deterioration of Salt (34B)
3. The Disposal of Salt (35A)

#### CONCLUSION (35B):