

Costs and Rewards of Following Christ

Mark 10:28-31

- I. **The Costs of Discipleship**: Peter asks how Jesus will reward their sacrifice (Mark 10:28).
 - A. Leaving all – To let go of anything that is more important to us than our relationship to Jesus Christ.
 - B. Following Christ – To pursue the life-long goal of closeness with Christ and service for Christ.

- II. **The Rewards of Discipleship**: Jesus tells the disciples to trust him with the rewards of following Him (Mark 10:29-31).
 - A. Areas of Sacrifice (10:29a).
 1. Living without typical family fellowship or approval
 2. Living without financial security
 - B. Motives of sacrifice (10:29b)
 1. For Christ – Motivated by love for Christ
 2. For the Gospel – Motivated by love of people
 - C. Areas of Reward (10:30)
 1. Other family in this life – New meaningful relationships with other people as we follow Christ
 2. Unexpected material blessings in this life as we follow Christ
 3. Persecutions – The privilege of enduring with Christ!
 4. Eternal life in heaven – Don't forget the obvious! Stay focused on heaven!
 - D. The Irony of Sacrifice and Eternal Rewards (10:31)
 - ✓ God's eternal rewards in heaven will reveal many surprises about who really "won" on earth.