

Mark 8:34-9:1

The Cost and Reward of Being With Christ

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Outline 8:31-9:1

Son of Man must suffer – vs. 31

Man's Interests versus God's vss.32-33

Living for God's interests not man's vss.34-37

Son of Man will come in glory – vs. 38



Proof: Some will see the **K.O.G.** in power - 9:1

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Followers of Christ Suffer For The Gospel

Mark 8:34-35 And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life **for My sake** and the gospel's will save it.

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The Eternal Priorities Needed To Follow Christ

Mark 8:36-37 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Psalm 49:7-9 (RSV) Truly **no man can ransom himself**, or give to God the price of his life, for the ransom of his life is costly, and can never suffice, that he should continue to live on for ever, and never see the Pit.

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The Reason It's Worth Suffering:

Mark 8:38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the **Son of Man** will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

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Proof For Jesus' Assertion

Mark 9:1 And Jesus was saying to them, "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the **kingdom of God** after it has come with power."

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Applications

1. We must understand that following Christ does not ensure our “best life now,” but promises persecution instead.
2. Our identity in Christ necessitates both suffering and glorification.

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1. Persecution Is Promised

Mark 13:13 You will be hated by all **because of My name**, but the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.

John 17:14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, **because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.**

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2. Principle: Our Identity In Christ

Genesis 13:15-16a for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever. I will make your descendants **as the dust of the earth...**

Galatians 3:16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as referring to many, but rather to one, “And to your seed,” that is, **Christ.**

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2. Principle: Our Identity In Christ

Isaiah 49:3 You are My Servant, Israel, In whom I will show My glory.

Acts 3:13 ...the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus.

Acts 13:47 the Lord has commanded us, saying, "**I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.**"

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2. Identity With Christ Necessitates Suffering And Glory

Colossians 1:24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions.



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2. Identity With Christ Necessitates Suffering And Glory

1 Peter 4:12-13 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, **so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.**

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2. Identify With Christ Necessitates Suffering And Glory

Romans 8:16-18 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, **if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.
