

** (Note: All Bible Quotes Are Taken From The Original King James Version)

Subject: You Might Have To Follow Him By Yourself:

In the book of St. Luke 13:23-24 it reads as follows:

Verse 23 - Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them,

Verse 24 - *Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.*

Jesus is teaching that many people are going to try to be saved, but they will be going into the wrong gate (or church). In St. Matthew 7:13-14, Jesus makes a comparison between the two gates. He is teaching that one is a strait and narrow gate and the other is a broad or wide gate:

Verse 13 - *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:*

Verse 14 - *Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

The comparison that Jesus is making refers to two kinds of religions. The broad way is a kind of religious church or teaching that a person might be part of that allows them to live a worldly or sinful life, yet teaches that they can still be saved living such a life. This is the broad and wide way. Jesus is teaching that you will find many people going to these kinds of churches. However, the way of true salvation would be a strait and narrow way with only a few people going that way. On many occasions, truly saved people will find that they might have to follow this way by themselves, without relatives, friends or loved ones to accompany them.

Jesus teaches that when he saves a person, it is not going to bring peace between them and their loved ones that are not saved. In the book of St. Matthew 10:34-35 it reads:

Verse 34 - *Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.*

Verse 35 - *For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.*

Verse 36 - *And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.*

When Jesus calls a person out of a world of sin to live a saved life, he also calls that person from among their relatives and former associates, that they might be sanctified or set apart socially and religiously. In most cases, a person's prior church company was not much different from their unsaved company. Jesus calls us to be a separate people, and often times a saved person will appear to be peculiar to those with whom they were once socially involved.

Listen to how I Peter 2:9 reads:

Verse 9 - But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

In Romans 1:1, the Apostle Paul teaches that a saved person is separated unto the gospel of God. In the book of Isaiah 62:12 it teaches that when Jesus calls his people out of sin, they shall be called "The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken". Unserved relatives, friends, and loved ones cannot continue to be close associates of a truly saved person; it is impossible. Truly saved people live a life that is uncomfortable and confusing to the unsaved.

A truly saved person is directed by the power of the Holy Spirit, and the unsaved are directed by the power of the carnal nature (or ungodly desires) and these are contrary one to the other. The saved person walks in the Spirit of God, seeking only to please God. When a person lives so that he or she pleases God, that person will not be pleasing most of his or her relatives and former friends. The unsaved person walks according to their fleshly desires, and that is seeking to please him or herself. The Spirit of God and the carnal or fleshly nature of a person are contrary to one another. In Galatians 5:17 it teaches, "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would".

A person who is still under the power of the carnal nature or ungodly desires will follow after such things as in Galatians 5:19-21 and they may still belong to some church:

Verse 19 - Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Verse 20 - Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Verse 21 - Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like:...

However, a person who is truly saved will follow the fruit of the Holy Spirit, which is as follows in verses 22-23

Verse 22 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Verse 23 - Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

The saved person will find that it is easier following the teachings of Christ alone, rather than trying to retain a close relationship with the unsaved.

Subject: No Matter What Happens God Is Able To Deliver You:

When you first start out with Christ, you must quickly get an understanding and the mind that no matter what comes against you, God is able to deliver you. You should learn the program for salvation that has been made available to you, and not allow yourself to be condemned no matter what anybody says.

You must quickly learn that anybody who is not saved can be used by Satan to prevent your stand with God, unless your love and stand for God are sincere enough to provoke God's help. You should associate yourself exclusively with saved people.