

“Two Marks of a Disciple”

Mark 3:13-15

I) Introduction - Carnal Christians

Biblical View of Carnal Christianity → It doesn't exist!

Paul's View: “But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. *Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him,* not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends of faith – that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.” (Philippians 3:7-11)

John's View: “Do not love the world or the things in the world. *If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.* For all that is in the world – the desires of flesh and the desires of the eyes and the pride of life – is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.” (1 John 2:15-17)

Jesus' View #1: “*Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.* On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’” (Matthew 7:21-23)

Jesus' View #2: “I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! *So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.* For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. *Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.*” (Revelation 3:15-19)

Jesus' Call to Discipleship: “And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, ‘*If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.* For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?’” (Mark 8:34-36)

II) Two Marks of a Disciple: “And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so *that they might be with him* and *he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons.*” (Mark 3:13-15)

① Join Jesus!

The Good Shepherd: “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.” (John 10:11-15)

The Lives of the Disciples

How do we ‘join Jesus’?

② Join Jesus’ Mission!

What was Jesus’ mission?

“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. *I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.*” (Mark 2:17)

“For the Son of Man came *to seek and to save the lost.*” (Luke 19:10)

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

What is Jesus’ mission for us?

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. *As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.*’” (John 20:21)

① “he might send them out to preach”

Say what Jesus said!

② “and have authority to cast out demons”

Do what Jesus did!

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and *make disciples of all nations*, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’” (Matthew 28:18-20)

① By going

② By baptizing

③ By teaching to obey

Remember who goes with you!