

Luke 9:22–36

Ready To Follow Jesus?

1. The Suffering of Christ

Christ's one mission and purpose is to suffer.

If He does not suffer He can never fulfil that for which His Father has sent Him.

2. The Service of Christ's Disciples

Deny yourself and take up *your* cross...
just as I have denied myself and taken up mine.

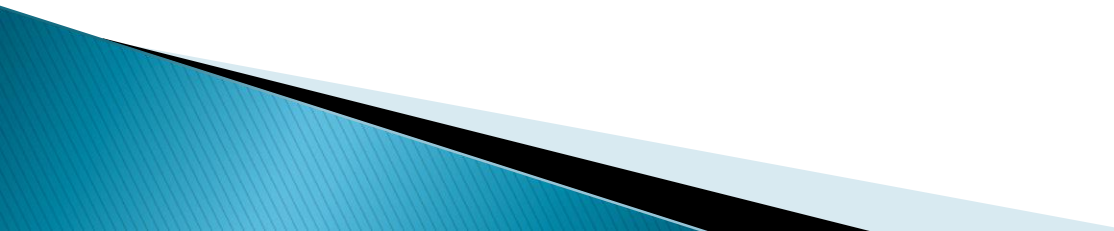
Robert Schuller... *'Self-Esteem, The New Reformation'*

"It is precisely at this point that classical theology has erred in its insistence that theology be God-centered and not man-centered..."

This master plan of God is designed around the deepest needs of human beings...

*self-dignity, self-respect, self-worth, self-esteem, the pearl of great price is genuine self-respect and self-esteem...
If we follow God's plan as faithfully as we can, we will feel good about ourselves...*

God needs you and me to help create a society of self-esteeming people."



2. The Service of Christ's Disciples

Luke 5:11... the disciples forsook all and followed Him.

Matthew 7:14... narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life.

Luke 14:28-33

3. The Stamp of the Father's Approval

The 'otherworldliness' of Jesus is seen here.

Here is a glimpse of the fellowship that Christ enjoys with His people in glory, and that glory in which Jesus shall one day return.

Here is the door of heaven nudged open just a little, for truly this Jesus has come from heaven.

