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## **News and Events Bulletin**

### **Disciple or Deserter?**

When it comes to the way we live our lives, are we disciples or deserters of Jesus Christ?

After hearing some of Christ's straightforward talk about eating and drinking of Him, "...many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more" (John 6:66 NKJV). Many don't take the words of Christ seriously. They feel they can pick and choose from His words what they want to believe. Most read the Bible as inspiration, to make them feel good, not as words of life to live by.

“For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. Because **the carnal mind is enmity against God**: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So **then they that are in the flesh cannot please God**. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now **if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His**” (Rom. 8:5-9).

Where do you stand? Have you heard the words of Jesus and refused to obey His instructions? Do you have the Holy Spirit from God? Are you seeking the things of the flesh or are you after the things of the Spirit?

When it comes to our Christian lives, we must examine our progress to determine whether we are walking with Jesus or diverting from the faith. In our busy lives, is Jesus still before us or have we lost sight of Him? The Apostle John explained that, "...if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7). If we are not walking with Jesus, we are living in darkness because He is our light in this dark world.

Do we have fellowship with Jesus by contact with other Christians and through Bible study and prayer? Have we died to the things of this world and now live a new life in Jesus Christ? The eighth chapter of Romans explains the difference between living a carnal-minded life and the life of a Christian.

If we allow ourselves to walk in sin, we are not following Jesus and we deceive ourselves about being a Christian. We are to turn from evil and put sin out of our lives, "...Work out our own salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil 2:12).

If you are ready to get serious about being a Christian, please drop us an e-mail and we will be happy to guide you. Visit our website to learn more by downloading the articles and booklets that are designed to build your relationship with God through His Son Jesus Christ.