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DIVINE DEFINITION OF DISCIPLESHIP

(Luke 14:25-33)

INTRODUCTION

(Matthew 28:19) "Go ye therefore, **and make disciples** of all the nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: **teaching them** to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you ... " (note Acts 11:26)

"Disciple" - one taught; a student, pupil, or learner; adheres to the teaching of the Teacher.

We are blessed with a divine definition of discipleship, defined by Jesus.

1. (Luke 14:25-26) "There went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said to them, **If any man come to me, and hate not his father ... yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.**"

The Bible defines this word "hate" - (Matt. 10:37) "He that loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."

The Bible illustrates this in (Gen. 29:30-31) "... Jacob loved Rachel more than Leah ... And when the Lord saw that Leah was hated ... "

2. (Luke 14:27) "**whosoever does not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple**"

Jesus bore a wooden cross: (John 19:17) and Simon (Matt. 27:32).
Jesus also bore a cross that was uniquely His; the soldiers could not remove it, and no one else is qualified to bear it: (Isaiah 53:6; 1 Peter 2:24)

The cross we bear is not wooden: Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No! there's a cross for every one, and there's a cross for me.

3. (Luke 14:33) "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that **forsakes not all he has, cannot be my disciple.**"

We sing: "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness ... "
"What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus ... "
"Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling ... "

(Matt. 6:19-21; Luke 12:15, v21; 1 Tim. 6:7)

4. (John 8:30-31) "... Jesus said to those Jews which believed on him, **If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples** indeed."

5. (John 13:34-35) "By this shall all men know that you are my **disciples, if you have love one to another**"

6. (John 15:4-5) "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it **abide in the vine ...**
(v8) "Herein is by Father glorified, **that you bear much fruit;**
so shall you be my **disciples.**"