THE SURRENDERED LIFE

(Mark 8:34-38)

INTRODUCTION

"Surrender" - to give back; relinquish; come to Jesus on His terms; cease resistance.

Hymn #662 "All To Jesus I Surrender"

Paul's self description: (Eph. 3:1 and 4:1; Phile v9; 2 Tim. 1:8; Rms. 6:17)

1. THE SURRENDERED LIFE IS A SURROUNDED LIFE

By God, Christians are in "protective custody" - (Psalm 34:7; 1 Cor. 10:13; 1 Peter 1:5)

Story of Job: (Job 1:10) "Hast thou not made a hedge about him ... "

Paul's confidence: (2 Tim. 1:12) "for I know ... he is able to keep that ... " and we sing hymn #524 "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

2. THE SURRENDERED LIFE IS A SERVING LIFE

Example of Jesus: (Acts 10:38 and Matthew 20:28)

Paul's determination: (Acts 27:23)

We are "servants" - (Gal. 6:2 and v10; Isa. 6:8 and John 4:34-35; John 13:12-17)

3. THE SURRENDERED LIFE IS A SPIRITUAL LIFE

(John 3:6-7) "... that which is born of the Spirit is spirit ... " (Rms. 8:5-15)

Here's the challenge: (Mark 14:38) "Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak."

Here's the encouragement: (Rms. 13:14; Gal. 5:22-23; 2 Peter 1:5-9; 1 Peter 2:2)

4. THE SURRENDERED LIFE IS A SHINING LIFE (Matthew 5:14-16)

5. THE SURRENDERED LIFE IS A SERENE LIFE

(John 14:27) "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"

(Philippians 4:7) "And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus"

CLOSE: (1 Peter 3:10-13) "... and who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?"