

CHOOSING CHRIST

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:1-8

Introduction:

1. We are faced with decisions each and every day.
2. The most important decision one will ever make is what to do with Jesus

We have chosen to follow Christ because...

I. SIN IS A PASSING PLEASURE

- A. CHOICE OF MOSES –He 11:24-26
 1. He was reared in the Egyptian ways; he could have stayed
 2. He made the choice to suffer affliction than to enjoy sin
- B. SATAN DISTORTS THE STING OF SIN
 1. Temptations of the flesh –David, Ammon, etc.
 2. Disobedience – Nadab, Uzzah, Uzziah, etc.

II. THE WORLD IS PASSING AWAY

- A. WARNING OF PETER -2Pe 3:10-13
 1. The day of the Lord is like a thief in the night.
 2. The world will end with fervent heat; we must be ready
- B. SATAN DESIRES MAN TO FORGET HIS MORTALITY
 1. Life is a vapor –Ja 4:13-17
 2. We must always be ready –Mt 24:42-44
 3. We must not become overconfident in the delay –Mt 24:45-51

III. JESUS LEFT ALL FOR US

- A. HE LEFT HEAVEN FOR US –Ph 2:5-8
 1. He was equal with God, then made a little lower than the angels –He 2:7
 2. He went to the other extreme by becoming sin -2Co 5:21, Ga 3:13
- B. WE MUST LEAVE ALL FOR HIM –Mt 16:24-27
 1. We take up our cross and follow Him knowing it leads to eternal life with Him
 2. Some were unwilling –Mt 19:16-22
 3. The choice is ours

Conclusion:

1. Like all the people we read about in the Word of God, we too must decide to follow Christ or not to.
2. If we have decided, we must remain steadfast in that choice.