

## Counting the Cost of Being a Disciple. Part 3

### Review

#### **Romans 8:18**

<sup>18</sup>*I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.*

#### **Revelation 3:21**

<sup>21</sup>*To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.*

#### **1 Corinthians 2:9 (Isaiah 64:4)**

<sup>9</sup>*However, as it is written:*

*"No eye has seen,  
no ear has heard,  
no mind has conceived  
what God has prepared for those who love him"*

Who are those "who love him"? The answer is in John 14:

#### **John 14:21**

<sup>21</sup>*Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."*

## Part 3

Last time we left off in Matthew 13

**Matthew 13** tells us what the outcome of persevering till the end is:

*<sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.*

### Matthew 13:24-30

#### ***The Parable of the Weeds***

*<sup>24</sup>Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup>But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. <sup>26</sup>When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.*

*<sup>27</sup>"The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'*

*<sup>28</sup>" 'An enemy did this,' he replied.*

*"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'*

*<sup>29</sup>" 'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.' "*

### Matthew 13:36-43

#### **The Parable of the Weeds Explained**

*<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."*

<sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

<sup>40</sup>"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. <sup>42</sup>They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

## **Daniel 12:1-3**

### **The End Times**

<sup>1</sup> "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. <sup>2</sup> Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

### **Additional Study**

[http://www.thegrovebiblefellowship.com/listen\\_w.html](http://www.thegrovebiblefellowship.com/listen_w.html)

<http://www.thegrovebiblefellowship.com/audio/2009/Womans Bible Study/overviewchart.pdf>

<http://www.inthebeginning.org/kingdom/ramey/highpriest/OnceForAll.pdf>, pages 20-24.

## **1 Corinthians 10:12**

<sup>12</sup>*So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!*

## **John 8:31-59**

<sup>31</sup>*To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, (continue in my word) you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup>Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

<sup>33</sup>*They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"*

<sup>34</sup>*Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son (Gk = huios) belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed*

<sup>37</sup>*I know you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are ready to kill me, because you have no room for my word. <sup>38</sup>I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you do what you have heard from your father."*

<sup>39</sup>*"Abraham is our father," they answered.*

*"If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do the things Abraham did. <sup>40</sup>As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. <sup>41</sup>You are doing the things your own father does."*

*"We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself."*

## **The Children of the Devil**

<sup>42</sup>*Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. <sup>43</sup>Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. <sup>44</sup>You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father*

of lies. <sup>45</sup>Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! <sup>46</sup>Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? <sup>47</sup>He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

<sup>58</sup>"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" <sup>59</sup>At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

### **John 13:33-35**

<sup>33</sup>"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. <sup>34</sup>"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

### **John 15:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup>"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. <sup>8</sup>This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

## **Matthew 28:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore **go and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to **obey** everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

## **Additional Reading:**

### **John 6:35-69**

<sup>35</sup>Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup>But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. <sup>37</sup>All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. <sup>38</sup>For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. <sup>40</sup>For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

<sup>41</sup>At this the Jews began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup>They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"

<sup>43</sup>"Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. <sup>44</sup>"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.

<sup>45</sup>It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. <sup>46</sup>No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. <sup>50</sup>But here is the bread that

comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

<sup>52</sup>Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

<sup>53</sup>Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup>He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

### **Many Disciples Desert Jesus**

<sup>60</sup>On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

<sup>61</sup>Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! <sup>63</sup>The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. <sup>64</sup>Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. <sup>65</sup>He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him."

<sup>66</sup>From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

<sup>67</sup>"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

<sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

