

True Worshippers Are True Giver

(Part II)

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(1 John 3:9)*

God loved the world and He showed His love to us by sending His own Son. *“For God so love the world that He gave His One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.” (John 3:16-17)* Jesus Christ showed His love to God the Father when He did His will and accept the death over the cross. Jesus showed His love for us when He suffered the pain and paid the prize of our sins on the cross. Jesus Christ showed His commitment by what He gave, and this is how commitment and love measures, by how much you give.

The Lord Jesus Christ said, *“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” (Matthew 10:39)* The meaning of to lose your life is to give your life to Jesus and to give all what you have to Him, and that is not lose but gain. We know that salvation is free, *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works so that no one can boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)* Yes salvation is free but it costs you all your life. To understand more about that let us read some of the true events from the Bible.

“Now a man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?” “Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, obey the commandments.” “Which ones?” the man enquired. “Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and your mother and love your neighbour as yourself.” “All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?” Jesus answered, “if you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.” (Matthew 19:16-22) As we can see clearly that this man came to Jesus to know how he can get eternal life. This man he believes in Jesus and he do must of the commandment but Jesus tested his true love to God by how much he can give .

“Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.” (1 John 3:18) To show your true love to God is by how much you are ready to give what is due for Him. When we fail to give what is ought to give we sin against the Lord. But in returning back to the Lord and in repentance by our willingness to give He receives us and grants us Salvation.

Let us read another true event from the Bible that speaks about salvation granted after willingness to repent and to do what is right in giving what is due for God. *“Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by a name of Zacchaeus he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see Him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, He looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus , come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a ‘sinner.’” But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the LORD, “Look, LORD!” Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount. Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.” (Luke 19:1-9)* Zacchaeus showed his true repentance by his willingness to compensate the people the harm he had done, and his readiness to give half of his money to the poor. He showed His real repentance through giving, and with this we understand why Jesus granted him salvation.

Let us read another event from the Bible that Jesus recommend giving, *“While He was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard, She broke the jar and poured the perfumed on His head. Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume?” It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly. “Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her?” She has done a beautiful thing to me. The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them anytime you want. But you will not always have me. She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body before hand to prepare for my burial. I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.” (Mark 14:3-9)* We found that this woman had shown her true love to Jesus by offering to Him something very expensive.

My dear and beloved: Faith in Jesus must be accompanied by action. In the same way your love to Jesus must be accompanied by your willingness to give as you agree to pray.

My prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of your Son Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord teach me to give and to offer you things that honour your name. Thank you Lord, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*