

What's the Cost?

What are you willing to give up today to speak to God? What are you willing to give for the cause of Christ? How hard will you work to tell an unsaved friend about Jesus? How much time will you spend in the Word today? How much time will you spend conversing with God today? How much? A question I continue to struggle with everyday. I just keep feeling like I need to devote more time to Him and His word. You know, salvation is free. We paid absolute nothing to receive it. It did cost Jesus His life. I bet He thinks it was a small price to pay to re-connect us to God. Don't you! I bet He would gladly do it over and over again if it was required. But He only had to go to the cross once. He was indeed the perfect lamb without blemish for the sacrifice. Thank You God! Living a Godly life will cost us something though. Oh yea, we can be saved and never live our life for Christ. What a pity so many people do that today. *Galatians 2:20 says that "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me".* I want to follow Him. And if I follow Him, it will cost me. Daily, I must take up my cross and follow him. I will suffer, I will have trials, I will be persecuted, and I say Praise the Lord. It's the least I can do for my Lord and Savior that loves me, and died for me, and has given me new life in Him. What do you feel right now? Do you feel the Spirit moving in you to take up your cross and follow Him? I pray you do. Folks, it is past time to get back to not just saying we are Christians, but allowing Christ to have our very lives to spread His Word, the gospel, the knowledge that brings us unto salvation. Will you give Him you life today? Will you give Him ten minuets today to read His Word? Will you spend time talking with Him today? Will you give Him your all? Will you take up your cross and follow Him? King David, in 2 Samuel 24:24, says that he will not make offerings to the Lord with that which costs him nothing. What are we willing to offer and what are we willing to pay. May I suggest we offer our very lives and pay for it with our very lives?

May God bless you richly this Christmas season as we think about Jesus and the love He has shown us?

I proclaim today because of His grace,

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