



The Pattern of Futile Faith

1.) When we profess great faith in Christ _____ (v. 26-31)

- Notice the adamancy and apparent sincerity with which the disciples make their declaration of devotion to Christ.
- Their practice would not match their profession.
- The same often happens with purely emotional responses to the Gospel.

2.) When we fall _____ on the job (v. 32-42)

- v. 37 – Here at the most critical moment in all of history, the disciples could not focus on and follow Christ’s instructions for even one hour.
- **Like the disciples, we are prone to fall asleep on our commitment to Christ.**
 - We hear Christ, but we don’t obey Him. We want Him as our Savior, but not as our Lord.
 - The time is extremely short, yet we sleep to what matters while God’s purposes for us waste away.
- Because the disciples were sleeping on the job, they were unprepared for the coming _____ trials.

3.) When hard choices come, and we _____ Christ (v. 50).

- Even though they had made bold professions of faith in Christ, when hardship arrived, they forgot their faith and fled from Christ.
- **Many who claim salvation in Christ are exercising the same futile faith.**
 - Asleep to the matchless glory of God, we long for short-sighted substitutes and superficial security.
 - Many who confess faith in Christ are asleep at the wheel of faith.

-- Just as the sleeping disciples were revitalized in Christ by His resurrection, may you and I be as well on this Resurrection Sunday (Revelation 3:1-3, Ephesians 5:14-16).

-- Wake up to the reality of the _____!

-- The resurrection changes everything!

1.) These same cowards who fled from the cross became courageous ambassadors of Christ (Acts 4:1-13).

2.) These same men who had abandoned Jesus for their own sake, now joyfully abandoned themselves for Him (1 Corinthians 2:2, Philippians 1:20-21).

-- Because Christ is _____, we can rise to new lives in Him forever.

-- By His death, we are freed from the impossible burden of our sin.

-- By His resurrection, we are made free to wake up to true life.

Conclusion

-- Application Questions

-- Are you awake in Christ this morning?

-- Can you sincerely say that your life is being radically reoriented by the resurrection of Christ?

-- Do you proclaim His death and resurrection with boldness?

-- Do you see Him as the epicenter of all that you are and ever will be?

-- Is your most important purpose in life to know and worship Him?

-- Awaken to Christ's resurrection before it is too late (Romans 13:11-14, 2 Corinthians 6:2).