## The Call to Surrender

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29 And He continued by questioning them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter \*answered and \*said to Him, <u>"You are the Christ." 30</u> And He warned them to tell no one about Him. 31 And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 And He was stating the matter plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. 33 But turning around and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and \*said, "Get behind Me, Satan; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."

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#### Acts 2:40

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How to live a surrendered life?

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Don't be scared.
Salvation is not found in the work Don't be distracted.

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Don't be misled.

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2 Cor 5:17 <sup>17</sup> Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a <u>new creature</u>; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

#### **Our identity**

- 1. Before Christ Old self/Self Life/Sinful Nature
  - Sins of Commission
  - Sins of Omission

#### 2. In Christ - New redeemed self/Christ Life

- New person in Christ
- Gifts, talents, strengths and abilities gifted by God



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#### What does the cross mean?

- Instrument for a cruel death
- Identity of someone cursed



"Cross bearing does not refer to some irritation in life. Rather, it's the picture of a man, already condemned, required to carry his cross on the way to the place of execution, as Jesus was required to do." - Wessel



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### What happens when we <u>fail</u> to live a surrendered life?

- Lose our temper
- Fall into sin
- Gossip
- Get envious
- Get offended

- Lust
- Fight
- Become impatient
- Become fearful
- Become stressed



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# Condolences



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