



GULF SHORES

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Morning Message on April 3, 2016 (by Ray Reynolds)

Five Kinds of Self-Sacrifice

Introduction: We had a wonderful trip to the Lads to Leaders Orlando convention last week. It was a great experience! Before we left for Orlando we were doing a series entitled: "Have You Seen Jesus, My Lord." We closed that series by considering one of the most popular verses in the Bible (**John 3:16**). I would like for us to use that passage to launch us into a new study today. We need to think about how much God has given to us and what we should do with it. Let's study 5 kinds of self-sacrifice together...

Discussion:

- 1) **GIVE UP** = This is ridding ourselves of self-righteousness.
 - ✓ Give your life to God (**Luke 9:23**).
 - ✓ Give your sin to God (**Luke 13:3, 5**).
 - ✓ Give your pain to God (**Ephesians 4:32**).

- 2) **GIVE OVER** = This is ridding ourselves of self-centeredness.
 - ✓ Give your soul to God (**Matthew 16:26**).
 - ✓ Give your mind to God (**Romans 12:1-2**).
 - ✓ Give your body to God (**Galatians 2:20**).

- 3) **GIVE IN** = This is ridding ourselves of self-will.
 - ✓ Give your steps to God (**Jeremiah 10:23**).
 - ✓ Give your future to God (**Jeremiah 29:11**).
 - ✓ Give your will to God (**James 4:7-8**).

- 4) **GIVE TO** = This is ridding ourselves of self-service.
 - ✓ Give your tithes to God (**Malachi 3:10**).
 - ✓ Give your offerings to God (**Acts 21:26, 24:17**).
 - ✓ Give your service to God (**Proverbs 16:3**).

- 5) **GIVE AWAY** = This is ridding ourselves of self-indulgence.
 - ✓ Give your blessings to God (**Matthew 6:19-20**).
 - ✓ Give your voice to God (**II Corinthians 5:20**).
 - ✓ Give your work to God (**II Corinthians 9:8**).

Conclusion: Think about what Jesus has done for you. How has God blessed you? What is the Holy Spirit leading you to do about it? Are you a child of God? If not, please be saved before it is too late! Have you started your journey with God? Have you given your whole life to God? May God help us!