

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ

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...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

08:02:15

Theme: JESUS PREACHES SELF-DENIAL IN DISCIPLESHIP

Memory Verse: *Matthew 16:24 “ Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me”.*

Texts: Mathew 16:13-20

In this lesson, we see Jesus, who had just been declared by Peter as “The CHRIST, the SON of the living God”, predicting His imminent suffering, death, resurrection and Second Advent. To Jesus, His passion was a sure impending event, and He was willing to go through. He was already having the spirit of self-denial in him and was willing to go to any length it will take him to save souls from destruction.

However, His disciple, Peter, who knew Him as the Christ or Messiah, had a contrary opinion from Christ. He rebuked Jesus for saying that He was going to suffer and die. He could not imagine “The Christ” going through all that. His carnal nature revolted against it, While Jesus Himself, viewing the whole thing spiritually yielded Himself to it. We can be spiritual and the same time becomes carnal. That is why The Bible said it loud and clear, “watch and pray lest you enter into temptation”. When it comes to self-denial what you do is what matters.

In one breath, we see Peter making a declaration as led by the spirit of God (Mathew16:16-17) and, in another breath, by Satan to resist God’s eternal counsel and purpose (Mathew 16:22). Looking at the distance between Peters spirituality and carnality give us an insight how careful every believer should be. It is easy to say than done. There is a price to pay, and before you can pay this price for Jesus, there should be a self-denial attitude. Christ denial Himself and pay the price for us for going to the cross for us. The question is what effect does carnality have on the reputation of a believer?