

Don't Quit, Resurrection and Rewards Ahead!

Acts 14:19-21

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*The Apostle Paul's experience in Lystra is n__ the heavenly experience he refers to in 2 Corinthians 12. (Act.14:19-20; 7:25; 8:20; 16:27; 2Co.12:2-5)

* Every near-death testimony which is not in accord with Scripture is a d__ _ _tion. Don't be taken in by them! (Deu.13:1-3; Joh.14:6; 3:36)

I. Count the Cost

1) The Apostle Paul had already considered that persecution w__ _ _d happen. He had determined that it would not stop him from following Christ. (Act.9:16-25; 20:24; 2Ti.3:11-12)

a) Daniel as a y__ _ _g man understood the importance of counting the cost ahead of time. (Dan.1:8)

b) Our Lord taught us that a true disciple m__ _ _ count the cost ahead of time. (Luk.14:25-33)

*What might it cost you to follow Christ? Have you counted the cost?

II. Yield Up All to the Lord Now and Continually

The Apostle Paul considered his life to be about knowing and serving C__ _ _ _t. (Phi.1:20-21; Joh.17:3)

The Apostle Paul taught believers that ...

1) We have been bought with a price. Our bodies and souls are the L__ _ _'s. (1Co.6:19-20)

2) We are to recognize this and yield a__ our members to the Lord continually. (Rom.6:11-13)

3) No one can do a__ _ _ _ _ _g to us without the Lord's permission. (Eph.1:11; Psa.115:3; Mat.10:29-31)

4) The Lord is working even what seems to be negative for our g__ _ _ . (Rom.8:28)

III. Don't Quit – Resurrection and Rewards Ahead!

1) The Apostle Paul could endure all because there is the resurrection and there are rewards that w__ _ _ be cast at Jesus' feet.

a) He knew that God cannot l__ _ . (Num.23:19)

b) The resurrection is a v__ _ _l part of the Gospel. (1Co.15:3-4)

c) H__ was a witness of Christ's resurrection. (1Co.15:8)

d) He assured us that we s__ _ _ _ all be raised too. (1Co.15:22-23)

e) The resurrection assures us of victory and that our labors for Christ now are not in v__ _ _ . (1Co.15:57-58; 2Ti.4:8; Rev.4:9-11)

Christian, Count the Cost! Christ is worthy of your all! Yield up all now and continually to Him!
Don't Quit! The Resurrection and Rewards are Ahead!

Sinner, seek the Lord now! You'll not have another chance when you die! (Heb.9:27; Joh.11:25-26)