

**\*\* (Note: All Bible Quotes Are Taken From The Original King James Version)**

**Subject: What Does It Mean To Deny Christ? (St. Matthew 10:33):**

Verse 33 - But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

You deny Christ by ignoring, not believing, disobeying, and not accepting any parts of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation if it applies to your life. Jesus is what he taught. He was the word of God made alive in human form that he might teach the government of the kingdom of heaven to a condemned world, that some might be saved. To reject any parts of his teachings is to reject Jesus. So then, to deny Christ is to deny his teachings. If you live too close to sinful ways, and go to church at the same time, you have a good chance to be tempted to deny Jesus. You will deny his teachings when it condemns your sinful pleasures that you don't want to give up.

To be a true follower and believer of the teachings of Jesus Christ, you must be willing to forsake all to be made complete in him. Satan helps us to develop sinful attachments through the years that make it difficult to deny after we meet Jesus; but with a little willingness to suffer, Jesus is able to help us to overcome all things. Revelation 21:7 reads as follows:

Verse 7 - He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

When you have a desire to overcome the things in your life that are contrary to salvation, Jesus will help you to overcome such things. Jesus gives assistance to them that have no might. Isaiah 40:28-31 reads as follows:

Verse 28 - Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

Verse 29 - He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Verse 30 - Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

Verse 31 - But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

**Subject: Let Jesus Have Your Mind And You Will Stay In The Right Spirit Under All Conditions:**

A child of God has no business going around with a hung down head and a sad countenance. If the devil gets your head down, God is able to lift it up. The moment you find yourself worrying, you should lift your head up and sing until the power of the Lord comes down. If you are living above sin, and having a problem, you should sing hymns and spiritual songs, and the Holy Spirit will come down to encourage you, and lift your burdens. The Holy Spirit will give you joy, and the joy of the Lord is your strength. When you are weak, then Jesus is strong; Jesus' strength is made perfect in your weakness.

It will be a good thing for you to store songs and hymns up in your memory so that when a problem develops in your life, you will be able to sing a song relative to your problem, and God will grant relief to a person who has been obedient to his word. Black folk endured slavery by singing songs that helped to lift their burdens. The Spirit of God would revive their strength and help them endure the cruelty of their taskmasters, and they endured slavery without becoming evil and mean to those slave masters that mistreated them. Their songs gave them visions and a hope beyond their immediate conditions.

When your mind is carried beyond the miseries of your present conditions, the conditions do not have as much effect upon you. The early slaves of America learned this from Jesus. When their burdens had reached an unbearable point, they did as Jesus did when he hung on the cross. Hebrews 12:2 teaches that Jesus endured the cross and despised the shame, because his mind was on the joy that was set before him, that he would later experience in God's Kingdom. The early black slaves of America would sing; "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" coming forth to carry them to heaven. They really believed in what they were singing, and when you believe

something that God promises you for your obedience, it will take your mind off of the miseries of your present situation, and your mind will be caught up to heaven.

When John was sent to the Isle of Patmos to starve and die, his mind was caught up in the Spirit of God so strongly that he was able to write the book of Revelations. If you are unhappy and discouraged because of burdens, it is because your mind is held under bondage. Though your conditions may truly be burdensome, if your way of thinking is under the influence of the Holy Spirit, it will keep your attitude good when your conditions are difficult. Now you must understand that John was on the Isle of Patmos with no food or provisions; he was sent there to die, but listen to where his mind was; Revelation 1:9-10 read as follows:

Verse 9 - I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Verse 10 - I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet.

In the Spirit, God gave John a demonstration of the rapture, and a demonstration of how saved people would be called up to meet Jesus upon his return. Listen to Revelation 4:1-2:

Verse 1 - After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither (come up here), and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

Verse 2 - And immediately I was in the spirit; and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

John was so faithful that the Holy Spirit carried his mind on up to the kingdom of heaven just as it did Jesus and the Apostle Paul. When the Apostle Paul was taken up to heaven, the Spirit of God was so powerful with him that he couldn't tell if it had taken his body and his mind. All of this happened to Paul during a time when he was under great persecutions. II Corinthians 12:2-4 gives us an account of Paul's experiences:

Verse 2 - I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether

out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such  
an one caught up to the third heaven.

Verse 3 - And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or  
out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

Verse 4 - How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard  
unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man  
to utter.