

May 5 2020 Christians

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A wonderful song known to many of us, "They'll know we are Christians, by our love" is a great reminder for those of us today, following in the footsteps, of the early disciples of the church. It was through their actions more importantly their words, from God, that, separated them from the rest of the populous of the time. It doesn't mean that the non-followers weren't good people, just that those who followed Christ, were the fore runners of a new type of follower, doing their best to follow Christ and His teachings.

We know of many hardships experienced by the disciples, for example the martyrdom of St Stephen and others. We know, there is a cost to following Christ even death, for what they believed and proclaimed. Are we prepared to sacrifice, everything just as the early disciples did to follow Christ?

Many today, follow half-heartedly, the teachings of the church, often because, it is difficult to follow all of the teachings. But, in order for us to be a Christian, as the followers were eventually called, we need to embrace, everything from the Ten Commandments to the Beatitudes. Yes, it will mean challenges, some very difficult, because, we will be persecuted for speaking out against injustice, unfair business practices, or any of the other social justice issues our world faces each day. If we do not speak out, who will?

But, should it be any less difficult for us than it was for the early Disciples of Christ. Shouldn't we be expected to sacrifice just as much? If we are to truly accept all that Christ taught, wholeheartedly, then we should be able to follow everything that He taught, knowing full well that we may have to mirror, His suffering and example of the cross, for what we believe.

Believe it or not, we have been given time to re-evaluate, what we believe during this time of isolation. As difficult as it is, if we look at the time as a gift, to re-group, to re think what we believe, to come out stronger than ever and calling ourselves Christians, willing to sacrifice what is necessary to fight against a world full of deceit and injustice, imagine what we could accomplish together. God Bless your time, today and going forward, as you discover new ways to be present to those less fortunate. Be grateful, for your home, where many are homeless, grateful, for food in your cupboard, where many go hungry, grateful, for your family, when many are alone.