

Study Guide 7:

Counting the Cost

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Read the passages carefully, then write in or circle the correct answer according to those verses. For answers go to:

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Review of the Previous Lessons

- 7-1 The grace of God is the only chance we have for salvation. T F
- 7-2 Eternal life is not a gift. T F
- 7-3 The proper response to grace is to:
- have saving faith.
 - sin all you want.
 - live any way you like.
- 7-4 Faith is trusting Jesus' work on the cross as the only way to obtain God's mercy. Y N
- 7-5 Without works faith is dead. T F
- 7-6 I want to be loyal to God, my Savior. Y N

A Change of Heart

(2 Corinthians 7:10) Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death

- 7-7 Repentance is caused by _____ .
- 7-8 Godly sorrow produces repentance that leads to salvation. T F
- 7-9 What do you think is the difference between godly sorrow and worldly sorrow?

(Ezekiel 18:27-32) But if a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he will save his life. {28} Because he considers all the offenses he has committed and turns away from them, he will surely live; he will not die. {29} Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Are my ways unjust, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust? {30} "Therefore, O house of Israel, I will judge you, each one according to his ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. {31} Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have

committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, O house of Israel? {32} For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

- 7-10 **V.30** Repentance is:
- Turning your life around.
 - Turning away from sin.

7-11 **V.31** What is the evidence of true repentance? A new _____ and _____.

(Isaiah 55:6-7) Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. {7} Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

7-12 Must someone forsake their wicked way of life and turn to God? Y N

7-13 **V.7** What is the reward for those who “turn to the Lord?”

(Acts 3:19-20) Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, {20} and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you--even Jesus.

- 7-14 What must take place before someone can have their sins wiped out?
- Go to church
 - Repent.

(Acts 26:20) First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds.

7-15 True repentance will be accompanied by _____.

(Acts 17:30-31) In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. {31} For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead.

7-16 A person should repent because there is a day of judgment. T F

(Luke 13:3) I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

(2 Peter 3:9-11) The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. {10} But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. {11} Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives.

7-17 Does God want anyone to perish? Y N

What is Confession?

(Psalms 32:5) Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"-- and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

7-18 Confessing means to admit I sinned. T F

(James 5:16) Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

7-19 We not only confess to God but also to _____ .

(1 John 1:9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

7-20 Do you think that confession is a ONE TIME event or a LIFESTYLE practice?

7-21 A confession is very much like making a vow in a marriage ceremony.

(Romans 10:9-10) That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. {10} For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

7-22 Does your salvation depend on whether you confess or not? Y N

Considering the Commitment

(Luke 9:23-26) Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. {24} For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. {25} What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? {26} If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

7-23 **V.26** What will happen if we are ashamed of Jesus?

7-24 What do you think Jesus means by taking up our cross?

(Luke 14:25-36)

7-25 Before deciding to be a follower of Christ we must first decide:

- a. what we will get out of it.
- b. how committed we really are.

7-26 **V.26** Is there anything that should rival your love for Jesus Christ?

7-27 Are Jesus' demands in this passage too hard. Y N

(2 Peter 2:20-22) If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. {21} It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them. {22} Of them the proverbs are true: "A dog returns to its vomit," and, "A sow that is washed goes back to her wallowing in the mud."

7-28 How does God feel when someone backslides?

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