

“Don’t Save Your ‘Old Self’ From the Cross”
Luke 9:23-25

- **Why?**

- “For (because) whoever would save his life (the “Old Self”) **will lose it** (their soul), but (the alternative) whoever loses his life (the “Old Self”) for My sake (to show the worth of Christ) **will save it** (their soul).” (Luke 9:24)
- “For if you live according to the flesh (the “Old Self”) **you will die**, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body (the “Old Self”), **you will live.**” (Romans 8:13)

- **How?**

- “Let **him deny himself** (the “Old Self”) and **take up his cross daily** (approval, comfort, safety, earthly gain) **and follow Me.**” (Luke 9:23)
- “So whether we are at home or away, **we make it our aim to please Him.** For (because) we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.” (2 Corinthians 5:9-10)
- “You are not your own (You are Christ’s), for you were bought with a price (Christ’s death). **So glorify God (not yourself) in your body.**” (1 Corinthians 6:19b-20)

- **Who is the “Old Self”?**

- “For the mind that is set on the flesh **is hostile to God**, for it **does not submit** to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh **cannot please God.**” (Romans 8:7-8)
- “For the **desires of the flesh** are against the Spirit, and the **desires of the Spirit** are against the flesh, for these are **opposed to each other**, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.” (Galatians 5:17)
- “Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles **to abstain from the passions of the flesh**, which **wage war against your soul.**” (1 Peter 2:11)

- **The Specifics:**

- “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.” (Phillipians 2:3)
- “Do all things from selfish ambition and conceit, and in pride count yourself more significant than others.” (“Old Self” 2:3)
 - **Selfishness:** To gain what I want regardless of how it affects myself spiritually or how it affects others negatively. Selfishness at times hides behind **spiritual language**.
 - **Conceit:** To seek personal glory and praise. The unwillingness to consider you may be wrong. The unwillingness to submit to authority. To make life about what you want, not what makes Christ look most valuable.
 - **Humility:** A consideration of ours and others' spiritual best interest. A willingness to submit to authority and to admit you are wrong. A willingness to serve all, not just some for my advantage.

- “For what does it profit a man if **he gains the whole world** and loses or forfeits himself?”

Worship: How Great Thou Art — Various Artists

Jesus, Thank You — Sovereign Grace Music

Holy Holy Holy — Sovereign Grace Music

Closing Song: Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken — Indelible Grace Music

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30p/Men 7p; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** October is Pastor Appreciation Month! We would like to shower our pastor with love and encouragement during the month of October. Feel free to write a note of thanks or encouragement to Pastor Jeremy, and if you would like, feel free to include a gift or a gift card with your note. All notes and gifts can be given to Lauren Abdalla anytime throughout the month, she will collect them all and present them to Pastor Jeremy at the end of the month. We are also taking a special collection throughout the month of October for Pastor Appreciation Month. If you would like to give a monetary gift, you can either use the donation container on the back table, making any checks out directly to Pastor Jeremy Scarberry, or with Venmo, by sending it directly to Lauren Abdalla (Church Treasurer). Please contact Lauren Abdalla with any questions and/or if you need her personal Venmo (740)624-7921. Lastly, we would also encourage you to be praying for Pastor Jeremy and Krystal throughout this month. There are specific prayer requests from them on the back table. Please feel free to take those home with you and to set aside time to pray for them throughout this month.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship TODAY immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!

★**BAPTISMS:** We are having a Baptism Service NEXT Sunday, October 13th. If you are interested in being baptized or if you have any questions about baptism, please see Pastor Jeremy or one of the other Elders.

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We have two different ministries that are in need of some volunteers:

- The Maintenance Ministry** is looking for two to three people to join the ministry to help with the set-up and teardown for services and fellowship meals. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Hunter Ardrey.

- The Children's Ministry** is also looking for some volunteers. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Kalen or Courtney Dees.

★**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** If you are interested in becoming a Church Member, if you have any questions about Church Membership, and/or if you are interested in learning more about the Church By-Laws and Statements of Faith, we are having a New Members' Class in November! This is a 2 week class that will be offered on Sunday, November 3rd, and Sunday, November 10th at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions about the New Members' Class, please see Elder Zach Adams.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be on Sunday, October 20th, from 5:30-7pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full hour and a half of prayer.

★**FALL GET-TOGETHER:** We are having a Fall Get-Together on Sunday, October 27th, at Andy's house, starting at 5pm. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on, as all festivities will be outside! Hotdogs and s'mores will be provided, but plan to bring a side dish or a dessert to share.