

## West Valley Church of Christ – November 9, 2025

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Devotional: 6:30 p.m.

### **IT COSTS SOMETHING**

It never occurs to some people that it costs to be a Christian. The notion often exists that Christianity is altogether what God does for us, without any obligation to do the works of faith that God expects us to do. Ephesians 2:8–10. **8** “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. **9** not by works, so that no one can boast. **10** For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” It is true we can do nothing to earn our salvation or to merit it; but being a disciple of Christ does cost us in the sense we are responsible for conducting ourselves “in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ” (Philippians 1:27). We do not meritoriously work to be saved; we work because God has prepared a work for his children to do. The Lord used an earthly illustration to show the need for carefully considering all aspects of our spiritual choices (Luke 14:28-33). Jesus said, “And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me can not be my disciple” (Luke 14:27). Jesus wants us to count the cost of following Him but have you considered – What it costs not to be a Christian? It will cost us “every spiritual blessing in Christ? (Ephesians 1:3). The person who refuses to follow Jesus will never know “the peace of God which transcends all understanding” (Philippians 4:7). Most importantly, it will cost the blessing of receiving “a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:10-11). Thank God for the gift of salvation available through faith.

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:10-11

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