

John 195 “God’s Timing Means Jesus’ Hour Has Arrived” *John 12:25-27; Galatians 4:4; Luke 14:25-27*

“The hour or His hour” is the time of crisis for which Jesus Christ came out of eternity and entered His creation, a time and direction toward which His entire life has moved!

No one truly sees Jesus until he contemplates and comprehends His death and resurrection.

We haven’t seen Jesus until we’ve seen Him on the Cross dying specifically for us.

God takes His very own happiness and wraps it up as a Christmas present for us in a beautiful package called biblical truth, the mind of Christ or simply, the Word of God!

Believers who are solely occupied with the details of this life will ultimately lose the details of this life because they all add up to vanity as far as eternity is concerned and then as a result, they will actually fall short of the unattainable happiness they sought from the details of this life!

In our context, to ‘hate’ or better yet disregard our own life is to place our emphasis on what the Lord Jesus thinks of us rather than what people think of us.

When we are having a vibrant love relationship with Jesus Christ because of His Word in us,

we are obviously disregarding our own lives.

Whether it’s a religious Jew, a self-gratifying Greek or anything in between prior to salvation, it’s biblical truth consistently moving into one’s soul post-salvation that becomes guardian of his soul.

The Greek structure of this passage means that any and every believer has the opportunity for effective Christian service.

To follow the Lord Jesus is to first believe His claims concerning Himself and His mission which is in effect believing in or on Him and then to continue to abide in Him through a consistent study and application of His Word.

All service in a believer’s life is to be based on his knowledge and application of the mind of Christ to his experience.

Without knowledge of the Word of God, there is no understanding of love, giving or grace and neither can there be a clear vision of Who God is.

Christianity is a team effort.

The troubling pressure for the Lord Jesus is the thought of the Cross and its implications.

Perfect God cannot love imperfect man personally unless His Righteousness and His Justice

are completely satisfied first.