

## Who Are We?

### Hebrews 10

*Series: The Seven Questions of Spiritual Theology*

#### Shadow vs. Reality –

Jesus Christ is greater than any angel, priest, or old covenant institution. Therefore, rather than settle for a *shadow* of something that doesn't work – we must answer the summons to a great salvation and hold on to it by faith. When we answer that call of God, we will find rest in Christ and be able to encourage others in the church to persevere in the faith as well, so they too can live in the *reality* of God.

There is \_\_\_\_\_ in the Reality, but not in the Shadow.  
*v.10 "...we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."*

*v.14 "For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified."*

As a human being, I don't have the capacity nor the resources to make life \_\_\_\_\_.

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We are a people formed in the image of God, who have fallen because of our \_\_\_\_\_ to live in the shadow.

God has invited us into the reality of \_\_\_\_\_ with Him within the Trinity circle.

#### Is There a Cost?

Matthew 8:18-22; Luke 9:23-24

Reality living is a total \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

What does it really mean to follow Christ?

You pursue what you desire. You pursue what you treasure. Do you value your earthly life or eternal life?

## Small Group Soul-Care

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The Bible has a lot to say about **commitment** in various aspects of our lives: to our families, our neighbors, employers, the church, even our health. (Ephesians 6:5; Hebrews 10:25; I Corinthians 6:19, 31)

But the Bible also teaches that the chief commitment of our lives is to God Himself. *READ Matthew 22:37-38*

Why does Jesus say that every fiber of our being, every facet of our lives must be committed to loving and serving God?

Jesus says, "*We must deny ourselves, pick up our Cross and follow Him.*" *READ Mark 8:34-38* Discuss what this means and what it personally requires of disciple of Jesus?

Someone wrote:

*You pursue what you treasure. You go to work and sweat because you know the rewards of a paycheck outweigh the temporary pleasure of reclining at home in front of the T.V. If Jesus calls you, you will follow, knowing that losing your earthly life is worth gaining eternal life.*

Do you agree with the above statement? Why or why not?

In closed access countries, Christianity is taboo. It is often stated: "If I convert to Christianity my family will disown me, and I will be persecuted. Should I follow Jesus?" What would you answer the person asking this question?

Should Christians expect suffering as a normal part of belonging to the "*man of sorrows*?" See Isaiah 53 and John 15:18-21

Is suffering for following Christ part of the *shadow* or the *reality* that Pastor Rich talked about in the sermon?

Following Jesus doesn't necessarily mean you'll lose your possessions, family, friends or physical life, but are you willing?

*READ: 1 Peter 2:21-25*