

## I Am - a Disciple

*Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

mathētēs (Strong's G3101)

- a learner, pupil, disciple
- one who follows one's teaching
- occurs 268 times in 252 verses in the New Testament

"Born Again" occurs in the Bible 3 times

Being Born Again is a vital doctrine of our faith ... but once we are Born Again, we must spend the rest of our lives being a disciple.

*Matthew 16:21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."*

*24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him **deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.** 25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.*

## What Does a Disciple Do?

*John 8:31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had **believed him**, "**If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**"*

*John 13:34 A new commandment I give to you, that you **love one another**: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 **By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.**"*

*John 15:4 **Abide in me, and I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. **Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit**, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 **If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.** 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you **bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.***

When the Disciples followed Jesus they left everything. It cost them everything.

*Matthew 4:18 While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.*