

## Freedom by Death Matthew 5:27-30 (Part I)

### Rescue from sin requires the loss of my life!

#### Why?

#### 1. Sin is a problem of the heart not just the body.

*committed adultery in his heart* 28

*evil thoughts, murder, immorality, lies come out of the heart* 15:17

*unless your **righteousness surpasses** that of the Pharisees* 20

...your external righteousness is superficial

...your external righteousness is passive

...your external righteousness is a camouflage

...your external righteousness is not fulfilling

**Danger: Self-deception** - “My sin problem is out there.”

*Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire...*

*...sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.*

*Don't be deceived...*

James 1:14-16

#### 2. Salvation is the opposed to self-preservation.

Self-preservation leads to hell. 22, 29, 30

Christ's Salvation requires a scandal.

*skandalon* - Rom. 9:33, 1 Cor. 1:23, Gal. 5:11, 1 Peter 2:8

**Danger: Saving yourself is to lose everything.**

*If anyone would come after me he **must**:*

*... deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.*

*... whoever wants to save his life will lose it,*

*... but whoever loses his life for me will save it.*

*... gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? Luke 9:23-26*

**CHALLENGE:** What must I lose to be cut free?

**The parts of my life I treasure most can keep me from:**

...knowing Jesus Christ initially. Luke 9:23-26

...knowing Jesus Christ intimately. Phil. 3:7-10

**What will you save and what will you lose?**