

Matters of the Heart

Orthodox reflections on faith and life



04 Come After Me

Leaving all to follow Christ comes at a cost. At the outset it requires forsaking our family, our friends, all comforts and the glitz and glamour of this world; all in favour of Him who forsook His divine glory for our sake. What follows next is the bearing of our cross in imitation of Him who carried the sins of the world upon His shoulders. And finally, following Christ requires movement, advancement towards the Lord who moved the heavens and the earth with His love.

Great is the cost of discipleship, but far greater are the rewards. For following Christ is the process of our sanctification; it is how we become dedicated vessels for Christ. This is how we attain holiness, and ultimately share in the life of Christ.

+ "And whoever does not
+ bear his cross and come
+ after Me cannot be My
+ disciple.."
+ Luke 14:27

+ Also read:
+ Matthew 16:24-27

+ *My Lord Christ, grant
+ me the faith, strength,
+ and the wisdom to come
+ after You. And guide me
+ towards the path of
+ holiness.*