

“Each One of Us Shall Give Account of Himself”

Romans 14:11-12

Introduction:

- A. The New Testament emphasizes individual accountability.
 - 1. Each one will be judged according to his works. (2 Cor. 5:10)
 - 2. Not “well done good and faithful **church**” (cf. Matt. 25:21)
- B. Christianity is primarily an individual matter.
 - 1. Each Individual establishing and maintaining a proper relationship to the Lord.
 - 2. Each person is accountable to God for his life.
- C. The individual is often forgotten in our over-emphasis on people in mass.
 - 1. Tend to think of the “lost world” rather than “lost persons.”
 - 2. Tend to depersonalize “church” problems and responsibilities.
- D. Let us take a person from a lost soul to the judgment and see where church fits in to his personal accountability.

Discussion:

II. He Becomes an Individual Disciple of Christ.

- A. He submits to the authority of Christ (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15,16; Acts 2:38).
- B. He commits himself to obey Christ in all things.
 - 1. To worship God in spirit and truth (John 4:24)
 - 2. To abound in the work of the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58).
- C. He is a Christian (Acts 11:26).
- D. He and others like him added together make up the “church.” (Acts 2:47)
 - 1. Added to them (Acts 2:41).
 - 2. Add to the Lord (Acts 5:14).
 - 3. If saved in “right church”

III. He Joins Himself to Other Disciples Near Him. (Acts 9:26)

- A. He obligates himself to support the activities of the group.
- B. He is still individually responsible for his actions.
 - 1. Merely joining with other disciples for collective work.
 - 2. Each responsible for his part in collective work (Eph. 4:16).
- C. He meets regularly with them for worship and mutual edification (Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 12-14).
 - 1. Yet he is still responsible for his own worship.
 - 2. Yet his is still responsible of his own edification.
- D. These groups of disciples are called churches (Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 1:1).
 - 1. Made of individual disciples banded together for collective action.
 - 2. Overseen by men from their own group (1 Pet. 5:1-4).
 - 3. The “right church” is where one can acceptably serve God joined to other Christians.

Conclusion:

- 1. Each is responsible for himself.
- 2. Each will be judged by his standing before God, not others.