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Topic: **The Life of Apostle Peter – Peter and the Reward for Following Christ**

Scripture Text: Matthew 19:27-30

1. Christians serve the Lord Jesus not for rewards but out of a grateful and thankful heart to our Lord. But the Lord Jesus is very kind and gracious to promise rewards to those who are faithful to Him.

2. The pre-requisite that the Lord Jesus stated before He gives His rewards is that every believer must forsake all to follow Him (v.27). To forsake all is a desire in our heart no more to do our own will. However there may be times we will stumble and fall to fail to forsake all. We will then need to confess our sins and ask God for more grace and strength to forsake all. To follow Christ is to walk the same path as Him. This means to follow exactly His Word and to love His Word.

3. The Lord Jesus promises 3 rewards for those who forsake all to follow Him:

- a) Rulership (v.28) – when Jesus comes again, He will reward His children to rule over unbelievers.
- b) Care of God's family (v.29a) – believers will be rewarded 100 fold with the care and support from fellow believers in God's family in this life even when they suffer loss in this world.
- c) Everlasting life (v.29b) – no one can take away this everlasting life that Jesus has promised to believers. This is the final destination for all true believers.