

16 March 2014: Preached by Preacher Clement Chew

Topic: **Committed to Christ**

Scripture Text: Matthew 10:34-39

1. Commitment is highly valued in the secular realm. In the spiritual realm, it is certainly even more needed in our allegiance to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. If Christians are not committed to Christ, then we are of no use to Him. Christians will definitely be tested in our commitment to Christ.
2. In verse 34, the Lord Jesus told the disciples very clearly not to think that He came to send peace on earth. Many of the disciples are hoping that Christ will restore Israel politically and not be under the control of another nation. The Lord Jesus wanted the disciples to know that His first coming is to save sinners from their sins in order to be reconciled with God and be at peace with God. Only in the second coming of Jesus Christ will we see Israel restored during the Millennium period.
3. Christians are sent out into the world as sheep in the midst of wolves. The world is against Christ and His Word. Christians are to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. Jesus wanted us to know that people who will attack our faith and betray us can be those of our own household. These are unbelievers who hate Christ.
4. The extent of our commitment to Christ must be above our own family members who may be the closest to us. We must love our Lord Jesus Christ above anyone, even those of our own loved ones whether they are our parents, spouse, children and siblings.
5. Christians must be ready to be shamed by unbelievers even as we bear our cross for Christ on this earth. Our Lord Jesus Christ went through that shame for us to die on the cross. Are we prepared to go to jail or even to die for Christ? It is necessary for us to be 100% committed to Christ. If not, we are not worthy of Him. This is the characteristics of a true believer in Christ.