

Sermon Outlines

Two Signs of Discipleship

“This man was also with Him Thou art also of them.”
Luke 22:56, 58

Those in the High Priest’s house recognized Peter by two circumstances: he had been in the company of Jesus, and he had been in the company of Jesus’ followers. These two marks on a person’s life have always been indications of discipleship, and are the same today. A Christian is one who is united both to Christ and to other Christians. Hence we have a sure but simple test of a true Christian life.

I. *With Christ - “with Him” (v. 56)*

1. **Salvation**

(a) Our great need in the past.

2. **Sanctification**

(a) Our great need in the present.

3. **Satisfaction**

(a) Our great need for past, present and future.

(b) All are found only in Christ.

II. *With Christians - “of them” (v. 58)*

1. Oneness of life - in Christ

(a) The Spirit animating.

2. Oneness of Love - to Christ

(a) The Spirit inspiring

3. Oneness of Labour - for Christ

(a) The Spirit directing

The New Testament connects the ideas of a church and fellowship. Cf. 1 John 1:3, 6, 7

Conclusion:

1. *Two simple tests:*

(a) What is Christ to me?

(b) What are my fellow-Christians to me?

If I am not in their company, I must take heed and examine myself.

2. *Two simple secrets:*

(a) Abiding in Christ (1 John 2:5, 6)

(b) Love to others (1 John 2:10; 3:10)

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