

## Four Truths to Live By - Part 4

- I. **Everything I Need, Jesus Is!** (Affirms God's grace)
- II. **Jesus always saves the best until last!** (Affirms God's goodness)
- III. **The only way to do it is to do it!** (Affirms my submission)
- IV. **The only way not to do it is not to do it!** (Affirms my separation)  
(2 Corinthians 6:14-17; 1 Peter 2:9; James 4:4-10; Luke 9:23)

### Three Triumphs in This Truth

1. Self denial vs. self indulgence. "He must deny himself."
  - Self denial is a heart attitude of submission to God's authority.
  - Self denial is denying myself of my will and submitting to God's will.

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2. Self dying vs. self infatuation. "Take up his cross daily."  
(humility) (fascination; obsession, pride)  
(Philippians 1:21; 1 Corinthians 15:31)
  - Dying to self allows me to experience God's love for who I really am as His chosen one.
  - I can love my neighbor as I love my self (the person God made me to be - not my fantasy self) only when I die to my un-Christ-like self.
  - Each day brings the opportunity to say no to something that I want.

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3. Self discipline vs. self independence. "Come with Me" and "Follow Me."  
(1 Corinthians 10:13; 1 John 2:16)
  - I am dependent on Christ and not myself.
  - I purpose to depart from temptations.
  
  - I purpose to do what God says and **not do what He says not to do.**

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