

Luke 18:29-30: *“Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, 30 who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life.”*

Ps 37:25: *I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread.*

II. Paul's Vow of Christian _____

Vs 18b: *He had his head shaved in Cencrea to keep a vow he had made...*

Numbers 6:1-2: *And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When either a man or a woman makes a special vow, the vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself to the LORD...*

You were separated from the _____ of the _____.
You were separated from your _____.
You were separated from _____, even that of your own family.

The Nazirite took a special vow and became a special, temporary _____-priest.

A. _____ REFRESHMENT

Num 6:3-4: *...he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink. He shall drink no vinegar made from wine or strong drink and shall not drink any juice of grapes or eat grapes, fresh or dried. 4 All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is produced by the grapevine, not even the seeds or the skins.*

Gal 5:18; *Do not to get _____ on _____ because it leads to ἀσωτία, the _____ of salvation.*

Mat 26:29; *I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.*

Christ our _____ High Priest has defeated the _____ sat down at the right hand of God.

Rev 3:20: *Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.*

A. _____ YOUR HOLY _____

Num 6:5; *“All the days of his vow of separation, no razor shall touch his head. Until the time is completed for which he separates himself to the LORD, he shall be holy. He shall let the locks of hair of his head grow long.*

Num 6:18-19; *And the Nazirite shall shave his consecrated head at the entrance of the tent of meeting and shall take the hair from his consecrated head and put it on the fire that is under the sacrifice of the peace offering. 19 And the priest shall take the shoulder of the ram, when it is boiled, and one unleavened loaf out of the basket and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them on the hands of the Nazirite, after he has shaved the hair of his consecration,*

Christ is the Greatest _____ for all His _____ have been _____ by God.

Eph 2:8&9: *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

B. LET THE _____ BURY THE _____

Num 6:6-8; *“All the days that he separates himself to the LORD he shall not go near a dead body. 7 Not even for his father or for his mother, for brother or sister, if they die, shall he make himself unclean, because his separation to God is on his head. 8 All the days of his separation he is holy to the LORD...”*

Num. 31:19; *Whoever of you has killed any person and whoever has touched any slain, purify yourselves and your captives on the third day and on the seventh day. (Cf. Num. 19:11 ff.)*

The Nazirite was a _____ of what all Israel should have been, indeed all of humanity.

Having _____ his duty, fulfilled his _____ and in _____ for God’s mercy and grace along the way, Paul was fulfilling his vow.

CONCLUSION:

Vows are _____ but are to be entered into _____.

Westminster Confession of Faith**CHAPTER XXII. OF LAWFUL OATHS AND VOWS**

VI. It is not to be made to any creature, but to God alone: and, that it may be accepted, it is to be made voluntarily, out of faith, and conscience of duty, in way of thankfulness for mercy received, or for the obtaining of what we want, whereby we more strictly bind ourselves to necessary duties; or, to other things, so far and so long as they may fitly conduce thereunto.

WCF XXII I *“Therefore, to swear vainly, or rashly, by that glorious and dreadful Name; or, to swear at all by any other thing, is sinful, and to be abhorred”*

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ACTS 18 18-22**I. PAUL RETURNS _____ TO _____**

Vs.18-22; Paul remained in Corinth for quite some time before saying goodbye to the brothers. He had his head shaved in Cenchrea to keep a vow he had made, and then he sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila. 19 When they reached Ephesus, Paul parted ways with Priscilla and Aquila. He himself went into the synagogue there and reasoned with the Jews. 20 When they asked him to stay for a while longer, he declined. 21 But as he left, he said, “I will come back to you if God is willing.” And he set sail from Ephesus. 22 When Paul had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church at Jerusalem. Then he went down to Antioch.

In biblical thinking whenever you went to _____ it was always an _____ trajectory.

Heb 12:22; ... *you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.*

Gal 4:26: ...*the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.*

It’s our duty to expand our _____, even _____ gracious borders, as we pray, “on earth as it is in heaven.”

Phil 3:8: *For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ...*