

Mark 10:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.

Analysis

Peter began say unto him Lo we have left all and followed thee. Peter spokesman. Began ἐρχατο initiated. Say λέγειν proclaim. Lo ιδου attention. We ἡμεις apostles. Left αφέκαμεν abandoned. All πάντα everything. Followed ἐκολουθήκαμεν discipleship. Peter statement both true and problematic. True they left businesses families comforts. Problematic suggesting merit reward. Jesus response affirms sacrifice promises reward (vv. 29-30). Not earning salvation but demonstrating genuine faith. Works are fruit not root. Reformed theology affirms justification by faith alone sanctification produces fruit.

Historical Context

Peter words could be interpreted we left all what will we get. Jesus does not rebuke but promises reward. Not earning but receiving inheritance. Parable workers vineyard (Matt 20) teaches all receive grace not proportional wages. Yet rewards differ (1 Cor 3:12-15). Judgment seat rewards not for salvation but according to works done. Tensions divine sovereignty human responsibility. Election by grace yet commands to obey. Mystery. Early church struggled with this Galatians Paul fights works-righteousness. Reformation recovered justification by faith alone. Modern church debates eternal security versus perseverance.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does Peter statement we left all demonstrate both genuine discipleship and remaining pride?
2. What is relationship between leaving all for Christ and receiving eternal rewards?

Interlinear Text

καὶ ἦρξατο ὁ Πέτρος λέγειν αὐτῷ Ἰδού, ἡμεῖς
Then began G3588 Peter to say unto him Lo we
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ἀφήκαμεν πάντα καὶ ἤκολουθήσαμέν σοι
have left all Then have followed thee
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Additional Cross-References

Luke 14:33 (Parallel theme): So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Matthew 4:22 (Parallel theme): And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

Matthew 4:20 (Parallel theme): And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.