

The Sacrifice

Last week the President gave tribute to the ambassador and three others who were killed in the attack on the Libyan Embassy. In his speech he quoted John 15:13, which says, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends."

This incident may affect our lives in the moment but is soon forgotten. This was something that happened to our country. What effect would it have on you if someone did this directly for you? Well, Jesus did.

Jesus loved us so much He sacrificed His life and His sacrifice affected us in a direct way. The blood Jesus shed for us was deliberate and affects us personally. Are you just as willing to sacrifice your life for Him? This is the sacrifice Jesus is asking of each of us. Luke 9:23-24 states, "And he said to all, If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. As long as we continue to walk with Him, sacrifice those things which are worldly, and stay faithful to God's word, He has promised us life with Him. All it takes is to be willing to deny ourselves, take up His cross and follow Him. Makes our sacrifice seem small, doesn't it?

For the elders,
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