*Sermon Outline (4/28)*

Sermon Title: “**The Privileges and Duties of Believers in Christ”**

The scripture passages: **Romans 14:9; 2 Corinthians 1:22; Galatians 5:17-23; Luke 14:25-33**

**I. Privileges of Believers**

 **A. Close Relationship with God**

 1. The intimate father-child relationship with God.

 2. C.S. Lewis's analogy of becoming like Jesus.

 **B. Certain and Stable Relationship with God**

 1. Importance of focusing on God's promises and the Holy Spirit's work.

 2. Signs of the Holy Spirit's presence.

 **C. Secure Relationship with God**

 1. Comparison to a stable father-child relationship.

 2. Caution against habitual sin and its impact on the relationship.

**II. Duties of Believers**

  **A. Complete Repentance of Sin**

 1. Importance of genuine repentance in the believer's journey.

 2. Signs of true repentance and its absence.

  **B. Self-denial and Bearing the Cross**

 **C. Complete Dedication to Jesus as Lord**

 1. Surrendering every aspect of life to Jesus.

 2. Living out the confession of Jesus as Lord in actions.

 **III. Conclusion**

* Transformative impact of full dedication to God.
* Pray earnestly for renewed commitment and the benefits of serving Jesus wholeheartedly.