A CURE FOR SELFISHNESS

Scripture -- Mark 10: 35-45
Text -- Mark 10: 43-45

INTRODUCTION

1. The World into which Jesus came was a Selfish World.
   A. Primitive Man -- hunting and Child care -- Self preservation
   B. Oriental -- Transmit Tradition Hebrews -- dogs of Gentiles.
      Chinese -- and their great wall
   C. Greece -- Personal Development -- happy life -- for self.
   D. Roman -- Personal and national aggrandizement.
     JESUS spelled -------- sIn

2. After three years of teaching the disciples were still under the influence of their previous training and environment in a Pagan world.
   A. Material Goals -- James and John
   B. Desire for Pre-Eminence
   C. What about us now. Nietzsche -- "Christianity is the world's one greatest curse, the one enormous, innermost perversity, the one immortal blemish of mankind"

MAIN IDEAS

1. Greatness is earned by paying a great Price.
   A. The cup of Jesus -- suffering
   B. The Baptism of Jesus -- Blood
      Can you be immersed in Blood?
2. The Only Basis for Pre-eminence is Achievement, fitness.
   A. A Process
      Charles Evan Hughes
   B. A Reward
      Dr. Bryan in Birmingham, Ala

3. Service and Love are the eternal Principles of God's Kingdom
   A. The Lords of the Gentiles
   B. Not so among you
   C. Minister—servant—diakonia
   D. Slave—Bondservant—doulos pantos—all—Soldier who lost his arm in battle—Doctor sympathized with him—I gave it.

CONCLUSION

Jesus closes His message by bringing to bear the powerful testimony of His own life. "I am among you as one that serveth". Washing the feet of His disciple tenderly and lovingly He draws the disturbed and perplexed disciples to Him by saying—"I came to give my all for you—Lu-troth—a ransom paid for a slave.