

The Cross in the Life of the Disciple

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*Rock of Ages
Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide my soul in Thee.
Let the water and the blood
From Thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.*

How do you understand the “double cure”?

How many messages have you heard lately on the Cross as the cure from sin’s power?

I hope you will have a stronger grasp, after this workshop, on the victory over sin’s power through the two aspects of the truth of the Cross for victory.

1. The “Cross Daily” (Luke 9:23 & 14:27)
2. The “Finished Work” (Romans 6:1,2)

How can it be “daily” and “finished”?
What is “my cross” and what is “His Cross”?

REFERENCE: “THE LAW OF LIBERTY IN THE SPIRITUAL LIFE” EVAN H. HOPKINS (1911)

- I. The “Cross Daily” deals with the necessity of the liberty from the soul-life (PSUCHE) to the Christ-Life (ZOE) that is taught in the Gospels where Christ was discipling and equipping His followers for the preparing of laborers for the Harvest.
The issue is one of His Lordship, My Cross!

Mt. 10:34-39; Lk. 14:25,26

Mt. 16:24-26; Lk. 9:23-25; Mk. 8:34-37

Mt. 20:28; Mk. 10:45

John 10:11,17,18

John 12:24,25

John 13:37,38

Acts 20:24

II Cor. 4:7-12

I John 3:16-18

This aspect cannot be taken for granted. It must be applied daily, moment by moment with decisions about what we are going to do in any situation, what the soul wants to do or what Christ Jesus wants? This is the John 8:31-36 and John 15:1-8 aspect of the Cross in discipleship.

- II. The “Finished Work” deals with sin’s penalty and power which were broken “once and for all” as Hebrews and Romans proclaim. The Gospels don’t tell us about the victory over the power of sin. That revelation came after the victory at Calvary over the guilt problem. Paul was the chief expositor of this aspect of the Cross, HIS Cross!

Rom. 6:1-14

Rom. 8:1-13

Gal. 2:20

Gal. 5:16-24

Gal. 6:14

Col. 2:14,15

Heb. 2:14,15

What enemies were defeated at the Cross?

What must we do about it? Rom. 6:11-13

NOTE: In Eph. 4:12-24; Phil. 3:10,11; Col. 2:11-15; 3:1-10 other metaphors are used for the same aspect of acting on the finished work in daily living.

- III. How is this going to help you be His disciple and a disciple-making laborer?