

Taking Up the Cross

Key Scripture: Matthew 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23

Concept: Seeing the cross as an _____

Dealing with _____

- Colossians 3:5 – consider members as co-_____ with Christ
- Cycles of sin (Romans 13:14)
 - 1) Make no _____ for the flesh

The truth: *I am* _____

2) Put on _____ = being _____ with the Spirit

- Our struggle with cycles of sin
 - 1) Live in the _____ instead of the _____
 - 2) Double _____
 - 3) Keep making _____ for the flesh
 - 4) The deception of _____
- Winning the battle
 - 1) *Decision:* follow _____ of the flesh or of the Spirit?
 - 2) Yield self / members as _____ to sin or to _____ of the Spirit?

As a believer grappling with sin, the cross means...

- God's _____ and _____
- There is _____ that Christ's blood did not satisfy (Col. 2:13)
- _____ in confession
- _____ acknowledging my sin (Ps. 51:6; Heb. 10:10-17)
- Freedom from _____ (Ps. 32:1-5)

A lifelong _____ – *stepping through the screen* (Heb. 12:1-4)

Personal Response

- What is God dealing with in my life today?
- Am I willing to go through _____ again tomorrow, *etc.*?
- Other?