

Notes on Message on Matthew 27

Putting it on the Cross

• “Then they led him away to be crucified. As they were on the way, they came across a man named Simon who was from Cyrene, and they forced him to carry Jesus’ cross. Then they went out to a place called Golgotha (which means Skull Hill). The soldiers gave him wine mixed with bitter gall, but when he had tasted it, he refused to drink it..... And they nailed him to the cross.”
Matthew 27:31-33

• **We Were Nailed To The Cross With Christ.** That is what the cross means in the life and living of a Christian. • Resurrection life involves asking Jesus to crucify the negative and destructive things remaining in our personality and living.

• “When we were baptized (by faith saying “Jesus I join myself to you and immerse my soul in yours.”) to become one with Christ Jesus. We died with Him... Our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ, we were set free from the power of sin. And since we died with Christ, we will also share his new life.” Romans 6:3-8

• **Three things happen to those who join themselves to Christ crucified:**

-1- Christ crucified takes away the consequence and penalty of sin by bearing them.

-2- Christ crucified puts to death the sin that had a grip on our souls that rendered us powerless before temptations.

-3- Christ crucified takes away the feelings of guilt – troubled conscience – by an inner washing by the Spirit.

• **The Christian message in a couple words is not that God is love or we should love each other. It is Christ and him crucified.**

For without the death of the old sin person, there would be no room for the resurrection life of love, joy and personal transformation.

“Dear brothers and sisters, when I first came to you I didn’t used lofty words and brilliant ideas to tell you God’s message. For I decided to concentrate only on Jesus Christ and his death on the cross (Jesus crucified).”

I Corinthians 2:1

• **SIMON OF CYRENE** – the first to take up his cross. “If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine. If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give it up for me you will find it.

Matthew 10:38-39