

THE WAY OF THE CROSS (Part 2)

Only the Cross Can Render Us "Fit" for the Kingdom of God

- The goal of the cross is transformative, not just informative

The Way of the Cross Is the Way of Community - Ro 12:4-5; 1 Cor 12:12-14

- We are being made into a "colony of heaven" on earth - Phil 3:20
 - ...body ...family ...city ..."on earth as it is in heaven" - Matt 6:10
- The cross-fit life is experienced in a community of...
 - ...Faith: sit together under the Word of God Himself - Jo 1:1; Ro 10:17
 - ...Hope: share together in a passion for what is possible with Christ - Col 1:27; 1 Tim 1:1
 - ...Love: labor together in a holy passion for oneness - 1 Thess 1:3; II Cor 5:14
- The way of the cross is a shared way - 1 Cor 12:7,18,26
 - ...it is relational - II Cor 12:19; 13:10; Eph 4:16
 - ...it is how our theology becomes spirituality - Eph 4:12-16

The Way of the Cross Is the Way of Intercession- Phil 2:5-11

- Intercession: Identifying with God's interests in others - Num 21:7; Ro 8:27,34; Heb 7:25
 - ...a missionary and sacramental spirituality - Phil 2:17
- The way of voluntary humility - Phil 2:8
 - ...the way of going low
 - ...a voluntary descent - Phil 2:7
 - ...the Humble One lives in us - Phil 2:5
 - (There is no strutting at the cross!)
- The way of voluntary identification - Phil 2:7
 - ...the way of compassion - Matt 14:14; 20:34; Mk 1:41; Phil 2:1
 - ...moves us toward the needy, not away from them - Phil 2:6
 - ...the Compassionate One lives in us - Phil 2:5
 - (There is no detachment from the needy at the cross!)
- The way of voluntary death - Phil 2:8; Matt 16:24-25
 - ...the way of sacrifice - Ga 1:4; 2:20
 - ...a dying to our freedom - 1 Cor 9:19-23; Ga 5:13

...the Crucified One lives in you - Ga 2:20

(There is no self-preservation at the cross!)

- The way of exaltation - Phil 2:9-11

(There is no self-exaltation at the cross!)

...the way of triumph - Col 2:15; II Cor 2:14

...the gifts of perspective and authority

THIS IS THE WAY... THE WAY OF THE INTERCESSOR... THE WAY OF THE CROSS!