

The Way of the Cross
(Part 1: Faith)

The Way of the Cross Is a Life Out of Death Experience

- ...death to self-determination, life by God's determination
- ...death to separation, life in union with God
- ...death to self-interest, life in what's best for others

Cross Centered Faith Is a Life Out of Death Experience - Ga 6:14

- It terminates old relationships/realities
- It introduces us to new relationships/realities
- It is a death to all other voices that clamor for our allegiance
...Satan, world, flesh

The Person of God Is Our Reference Point for Everything

- Calls for a personal, relational, ongoing response to God
- It is life lived by God's "say so"

It Looks Like Voluntary Obedience - Ja 2:14ff; Lk 1:38; Phil 2:8; Ro 1:5; 16:26

- The result: life is lifted up into the realities of God - Phil 2:9, 12-13
...we trust His faithfulness - 1 Thess 5:24
- The realities of God are known in the doing/action - Jo 7:17; Matt 7:24; Jo 13:17
...we die to one realm to live in another - II Cor 4:10-11

The Response:

- "I've always heard... I think... I feel _____"
... "But, what do you say?"
... "I choose to _____."
- Cross-centered faith is dying to self-determination and living in God's determination
- Lk 5:4-6; Num 13:25-33; Matt 26:36-39; Matt 5:21-48