

The Crossified Life: The Word of the Cross (Part 2)  
1 Corinthians 1:18 – 2:2; Matthew 16:13-26

The Word of the Cross Is Not Only Divine Revelation, It Is a Command Invitation – Matt 16:24

- The Way of the Natural Man/His Interests – Matt 16:22-23

...the way of self-determination – Gen 2:16-17

...the way of arguing with the Word – Matt 16:22

...the way of self-preservation – Phil 2:4

= a “self” untouched by the cross = where self-interest reigns! – Judges 17:6

- The Way of the Spiritual Man/His Interests – Matt 16:23; Col 3:2

...the way of God-determination – Lk 5:5

...the way of submitting to the Word – Ro 1:5; 16:26

...the way of self-expenditure – Phil 2:5-8

= a “self” identified by the cross = where God’s interests rule!

The Call of the Word of the Cross – Matt 16:24

- “If anyone wishes...” – must be a voluntary response – Ga 2:20; Eph 5:2; Titus 2:14

...the crossified life cannot be imposed by force – Ps 54:6; Jo 7:17

- “...he must deny himself...” – our self (in Christ) ceases to be what it once was – II Cor 5:17

...our old self is not straightened out, it is crossed out! – Ro 6:6

...the “self” to be denied is our cross-less self – Eph 4:21-24; Col 3:9-10; Matt 16:25

- “...and take up his cross daily...” – we must accept our death in Christ – Ro 6:10-11

...“his” – we cannot borrow someone else’s crossified life – Matt 25:1-13

...“daily” – a daily cooperation with the crucified, risen life of Christ – II Cor 4:16

- “...and follow Me” – we cannot follow Jesus apart from the word and work of the cross  
– I Cor 1:18-24

...“You cannot get in step with Me, keep up with Me... apart from Me! – Ga 2:20

...“Follow Me and I will make you” – Mk 1:17