

The Crossified Life: The Way of the Cross
(Mark 12:24; I Corinthians 1:18,24)

The Work of the Cross Is “For” Us and “In” Us – the Way of the Cross Is “Through” Us – II Cor 4:7-12

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

- Salvation may be personal, but never private – I Cor 12:13,18,20
 - ...it is a shared way – I Cor 12:7,8,26
 - ...it is an irreducibly relational way – Eph 4:1-16
 - ...it is the way of practicing the presence of people – II Cor 12:19; 13:10
 - ...it is the way of our witness to the world – Jo 13:34-35

The Way of the Cross Is the Way of Intercession – Ro 8:27,34; Heb 7:25

- We identify with God’s interests in others – Jo 10:11,15,17-18
(human beings are God’s primary sacramental matter in the universe – Jo 17:18; 20:21)
 - ...the way of voluntary humility – Phil 2:3,8 – no demand for life on our terms!
 - ...the way of voluntary identification – Phil 2:7; Mk 1:41 – we move toward the need!
 - ...the way of voluntary death – Phil 2:9; Matt 16:24-25 – so His Life may pour out of us!
- Our lives become the roads that God travels – II Cor 4:10-12

The Way of the Cross Is the Way of Exaltation – Phil 2:9-11

- We receive the witness of joy – Phil 2:17; Jo 16:22
 - ...a holy gladness rooted in the unseen things of God – Heb 12:2
- We receive the witness of perspective – II Cor 4:16-18
 - ...revelation is for lovers – Jo 14:21
- We receive the witness of authority – Jo 10:18
 - ...a life that cannot be used by evil – Jo 14:30; I Jo 5:18