

**The Way of the Cross**  
**Galatians 5:6; Philippians 2:3-11**

**The Way of the Cross Is the Way of Love - Ro 5:8-10; Ga 2:20; 5:6**

- The way of the cross is the way of self-expenditure - Phil 2:5-6
  - ...death to self-interest - Ro 15:3
  - ...death to self-acquisition - Phil 2:5
- The way of the cross is the way of the poured out Life - Phil 2:7; Ga 2:20
  - ...what our freedom in Christ is for - Ga 5:1,13

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

- A community of shared life - I Jo 1:1-3
  - ...a colony of heaven on earth - I Jo 1:1-3
  - ...an alternative culture - Matt 6:10
- A community of ...
  - ...faith    ...of hope    ...of love - I Cor 13:13

**The Way of the Cross Is the Way of Intercession - Heb 7:25**

- The way of identifying with God's interests in others - Is 58:12; Ex 22:30
  - ...the way of a sacramental spirituality - Phil 2:5-8
    - = voluntary humility - (Phil 2:8)    ...the way of going "low" - (II Cor 8:9)
    - = voluntary identification - (Phil 2:7)    ...the way of compassion - (Mk 1:40-41)
    - = voluntary death - (Matt 16:24-25)    ...the way of sacrifice - (Ro 12:1)
- Our "no" to self-interest opens the flood gates of God's "yes" to His Life for others!