Truth University Teaching: the Cross

We must enter into HIS DEATH if we are to be resurrected by his life!

Unless a corn of wheat falleth into the ground and Die, it brings forth no fruit.

1. ARE U THE **LIVING SACRIFICE**

*Rom 12:1* …**present your bodies a *living sacrifice,* holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service**

[[1]](#footnote-1)

People are now, to bring themselves to God instead of sacrifices to the altar as of old. They are now to be wholly the Lord's as were the former sacrifices.

**e** [**reasonable** worship, performed with the heart, mind, and soul of intelligent saved people…

**Romans 12:2 (KJV)**
2  And BE NOT CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD: but BE YE TRANSFORMED by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove [prove it] what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.????

Notes For Verse 2

**---**two commands of this verse.

**b** [**conformed**] Greek: *suschematizo* (GSN-[<G4964>](http://www.crossbooks.com/book.asp?strongs=G4964)), to conform to another's example. [1Pet. 1:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Pe+1%3A14).

**1 Peter 1:14 (KJV)**
14  As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

**c** [**world**] Greek: *aion* (GSN-[<G165>](http://www.crossbooks.com/book.asp?strongs=G165)), age. Do not pattern after this age or to the times.

**d** [**transformed**] Greek: *metamorphoo* (GSN-[<G3339>](http://www.crossbooks.com/book.asp?strongs=G3339)), transformed or transfigured by a supernatural change, as in [Mt. 17:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+17%3A2); [Mk. 9:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mk+9%3A2); [Rom. 12:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+12%3A2); [2Cor. 3:18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Co+3%3A18).

1. How many need A MAKE OVER tonight?

**Read**

**Matthew 17:2 (KJV)**
2  And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

**2 Corinthians 3:18 (KJV)**
18  But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are **changed** into the same image from glory to glory, [HOW]*even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

* This change is by A RENEWING of the mind or spirit
* How do we get A RENEWING of the mind or spirit?

**2 Corinthians 4:16 (KJV)**
16  For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the INWARD *MAN* is renewed day by day. How?

**Titus 3:5 (KJV)**
5  Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and Renewing Of The Holy Ghost; --Who?

**Acts 3:19 (KJV)**
19  Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when?? the times of refreshing shall come [where] from the presence of the Lord;

**---Micheal and I had a time the other night.**

**Colossians 3:10 (KJV)**
10  And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after THE IMAGE OF HIM that created him:

* Who makes us look more like Jesus? The HOLY Ghost!!!!
* Pray in the spirit **for your own edification**- building up
* Building up faith
* Intersession
* Travial

**Romans 8:26 (KJV)**
26   Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.27  And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of* God.

**Ephesians 4:23 (KJV)**
23  And Be Renewed In The Spirit Of Your Mind; ---Be Made NEW, CHANGED to HOLY in Thought and DEED. HOW? The HOLY GHOST.

**Ephesians 6:10-11 (KJV)**
10  Finally, my brethren, Be Strong In The Lord, And In The Power Of His Might.
11  Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

**d** [**endued with**] Greek: enduo (GSN17460), put on ([Mt. 27:31](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+27%3A31); [Mk. 15:20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mk+15%3A20); [Lk. 15:22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lk+15%3A22)); be clothed with ([Mk. 15:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mk+15%3A17); [Rev. 1:13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+1%3A13)); be clothed in ([Rev. 15:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+15%3A6); [19:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+19%3A14)); and arrayed in ([Acts 12:21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+12%3A21)). Anyone clothed with this power will be able to confirm what he preaches, and this is the only normal New Testament program ([Jn. 14:12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+14%3A12); [Mk. 16:16-20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mk+16%3A16-20)

Close:

**e** [**that YE MAY PROVE What is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God**] Six things that constitute the acceptable and perfect will of God:

1. Present your bodies a living sacrifice to God ([Rom. 12:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+12%3A1); [1Cor. 3:16-17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Co+3%3A16-17); [6:20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Co+6%3A20)).

2. Make the body holy ([Rom. 12:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+12%3A1); [2Cor. 7:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Co+7%3A1)).

3. Make self acceptable to God thru death ([Rom. 12:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+12%3A1)).

4. Render reasonable service ([Rom. 12:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+12%3A1)).

5. Be not conformed to the world ([Rom. 12:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+12%3A2)).

6. Be transformed from the world ([Rom. 12:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+12%3A2)).

**f** [**perfect**] Greek: *teleios* (GSN-[<G5046>](http://www.crossbooks.com/book.asp?strongs=G5046)), that which has reached its end; nothing more to complete it. – Do this until he comes!!!!

Then you can say like Paul

**CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST**

*Gal 2:20* I have been *crucified with Christ;* it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me!!!!

It takes nails, wood, rock, stone, stakes, blood sweat, and tears to build anything worthwhile.-at

Jesus built your Salvation…Jesus Alone builds your Sanctification!!!

If you want your best life now and in eternity you have to let him crucify your current one!-at

1. **Crucified-4717 σταυρόω** [*stauroo* / **1** to stake, drive down stakes. **2** to fortify with driven stakes,WHY? to crucify the flesh, and destroy its power …with intense pain).
* **Romans 8:13 (KJV)**
13  For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.
* **Colossians 3:5 (KJV)**
5  Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:
* -**renunciation of the world, that characterizes the true Christian life.**
* **Love not the world…**

**Matthew 16:24 (KJV)**
24  Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himSELF, and take up his cross, and follow me.

The roman judicial custom -- **the condemned person carried his stake to the place of his execution, ---this was applied by the Lord to those sufferings by which His faithful followers were to express their fellowship with Him.**

* **Are you crucified with Christ.?**
* **X marks the spot. When did you cease to exist, when did you die?**

**Luke 9:23 (KJV)**
23  And he said to *them* all, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

* **Why is Christ still dealing with so much of your flesh and desire, if you are really dead????**
* **Are you willing??? To be baptized into Christ’s Death?**

There is a cost to Christianity!!!

Matt. 10:34-39 34 ﻿Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.﻿ 35 ﻿For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.﻿ 36 ﻿And a man’s foes *shall be* they of his own household.﻿ 37 ﻿He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.﻿ 38 ﻿**And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.﻿** 39 ﻿He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.[[2]](#footnote-2)- Death to all that you are.= Equals LIFE, HIS LIFE LIVED IN YOU!!!!!

Total renunciation and separation from the world and the things of this world.

Come to Christ? Count The Cost**? Because it will cost everything, BUT THE GAIN IS EVERYTHING…JESUS**

Here is God’s answer to easy believeism, and the seeker sensitive, SELF message:

Death.

There is no such thing as a halfhearted Christian.

He does not want partnership, but ownership of us.

It is all or nothing. Eternal Life or Eternal Damnation in Hell. You don’t ease your way into this, you give your life to him and say, “not my will but thine be done.!!!!” Why because Jesus paid it all!

**CRUCIFIED THE FLESH**

*Gal 5:24* And those who are Christ’s have *crucified the flesh* with its passions and desires.

* If you haven’t they you are not Christ’s.

Today’s Church needs a mighty overhauling by divine Hands, she needs The Message Of The Cross and The Baptism With The Holy Ghost And Fire. --They are both here at FWC.

When the Lord Christ ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN from Mt. Olivet, He charged the disciples that they should "wait for the promise of the Father" - the "**baptism of the Holy Ghost**" with its power.

        This promise was exclusive - "*Ye* shall receive power." Who was to receive the promise? Only the followers of Christ.

        The promise was *exciting* - "Ye shall receive *power*." In eager anticipation of this blessed enduement, the waiting ones could see all their weakness evaporating in the baptism of fire.

        The promise was *explicit* - "Not many days hence."

        The promise was *expanding* - This thing was not to be done in a corner, nor whispered among the redeemed. It would reach out through them to Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth. – It didn’t stop with me, raise your hands if you were baptized in the holy ghost while being here at FWC

        This promise was *exalting* - In the whole world of created things there is no greater power than that of the Holy Spirit of God. **They were to Be Filled With The Spirit Of The Living God. Earth has no greater honor than that. –        AS Angels, behold and wonder!**

1. Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1992). *Nelson's concordance of Bible phrases.* Rev. ed. of: The phrase concordance of the Bible. 1986.;Includes index. Nashville: T. Nelson Publishers. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *The Holy Bible : King James Version.* 1995 (Mt 10:34-39). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)