

The Message Notes

Message Series: Back to Basics

Message: *Back to the Cross*

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Text: Luke 9:23 (NLT)

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Luke 9:23. Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. (NLT)

Objective: to teach how the life of Christ and His authority flows through us by applying the cross in our daily walk with Christ.

Introduction:

- We are born with the **nature** of the **self-life**
- **Self-life** is the nature we inherited from Adam
- In God’s eyes there is nothing more **unclean** than the **self-life**. It is the root of pride, and defiance against God’s will.
- Self-life is alive and well in the church: self-esteem, self-worth, self-love, and self-fulfillment is clothed in our worship and teaching of the word.
- **Self** will gladly worship a God that will esteem their desires, worth, fulfillment, and happiness.

Self-life examination:

1. I only can worship when the music is according to my style
2. I like certain preachers better than others
3. I make decisions independent of those in authority
4. I enjoy messages that make me feel better about myself
5. I critique the message and the messenger because I am just as spiritual
6. It is easy for me to see the sins and faults of a person or ministry
7. I am constantly overlooked and not recognized
8. I am told by others I need to become a Pastor because of my anointing
9. I do not need any advice, God speaks directly to me
10. Name the areas of your life that are outside of God’s Word

- Christ teaches **against** the **self-life**

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Three Qualifications of a Christ Follower:

1. You **must give up your own way** -- turn from your selfish ways – self-interests
2. Take up the **cross daily** – death/sin

3. **Follow** Christ – His teachings

“Those who share the gospel must adopt the way of the cross or you have no power.”

Application: Walking with the Cross

Galatians 2:20. My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (NLT)

1. _____: My old self has been crucified with Christ (Position/Sit)

- Co-crucifixion with Christ
- Exchanged life, not a changed life

“We can believe Christ **died for us**, but we have trouble believing we **died with Christ**.”

2. _____: It is no longer I who live but Christ lives in me. (Process/Walk)

- I no longer live – self-life is dead
- Christ expresses His works through you

“Christ and the cross not only saves us from our sins but saves us from ourselves.”

John 14:12. “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. (NLT)

3. _____: So, I live in this earthly body by **trusting** in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Power/Stand)

- Trusting, not trying
- Know – Romans 6:6
- Consider – Romans 6:11

Name three takeaways:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____