

THE WAY OF THE CROSS (Part 1)
"The Way of Love"

The Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ Is the Supreme Demonstration of God's Love - Ro 5:8-10; Ga 2:20

- In Christ we become Love's receivers and its givers - Jo 3:16; I Jo 3:16
...making it possible for the way of the cross to be lived - Lk 9:23
- A Life of perfect Love resides within us - I Jo 4:15-17
...God intends a Lordship of Love to reign over us - II Cor 5:14
- The way of love is the way we grow up into our freedom in Christ - Ga 5:1
...our Christ-possessed persons become Christ-expressed persons - Ga 5:13

The Way of the Cross Is a Life Out of Death Experience - Jo 12:24

- A death to self-interest - Ro 15:3; to self-acquisition - Acts 20:35; to self-for-itself - Lk 9:23-24
- A life for others - Phil 2:4; a poured out life - Phil 2:6; a life of liberty - Jo 8:36
...so God may help Himself to us for the world's sake - Jo 20:21

The Way of the Cross Is the Way of Infinite Supply - II Cor 3:4-6; Col 1:27; 3:4; II Pet 1:3,4

- The love we give away is not generated by us, but graced to us by the Crucified, Risen Savior
- Jo 15:5; I Jo 4:19; 4:17; 2:6-10
...His love becomes our love - I Jo 3:16
...His love is... helpful... humble... heroic - I Cor 13:4,5
- In our dying to self-protection, self-promotion, self-preservation... His Infinite Supply lives - II Cor 4:10-12

God's Invitation... Our R.S.V.P.

- Ralize Who lives in us - Col 1:27; 3:4
...trust Him to be our Source, our Supply - Phil 4:13
- See ourselves dead to all self-focused living - Ro 15:1-3
...we are as He is - dead to sin, alive to God - Ro 6:10-11
- Volunteer for non-selective service - Mk 10:43-44
...for the ones God chooses (not ones we would select) - Ro 11:36
- Pick up the first "towel" that you see - Jo 13:3,4,10
...the way of the cross has an inherent call to action - Jo 13:17