

## The Crucified Life

Grace, mercy, peace and love be multiplied unto you in the blessed and holy name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It was in my heart for quite some time to share with you, what the good Lord taught us and enabled us to live it out by the power of His Holy Spirit. In fact it is to be learnt and lived out by all the true Disciples of Christ.

Luk 14:25 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,

Luk 14:26 If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, **he cannot be my disciple.**

Luk 14:27 **And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.**

Luk 14:28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, **and counteth the cost**, whether he have *sufficient* to finish it?

Luk 14:29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish *it*, all that behold *it* begin to mock him,

Luk 14:30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

Luk 14:31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?

Luk 14:32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.

Luk 14:33 **So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.**

*This is a challenging statement in order to be a true disciple of Christ, I have to hate my family members even my own life? And Jesus said*

*scripture cannot be broken, and heaven and earth shall pass away but His words shall not pass away (Luke 21:33).*

1Co 2:14 But the natural (**soulish**) man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

*So, according to the natural (soulish) man this is foolishness.*

*The Lord Jesus here is confronting the natural, soulish man and his natural affections (i.e. love = phileo). So, this self life comes short of the glory of God (God is Love = Agape). And what comes short of the glory of God is sin. Therefore we have to hate it, deny it, carry the cross (die to it) ...*

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

*Let's have as an example what we see in the life of Jesus on earth.*

Joh 11:3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, **he whom thou lovest G5368=phileō** is sick.

*Martha and Mary, at this point not born again, didn't know yet of the Agape love of God. So, they used the term love which was limited to Phileo. But the Holy Spirit testified a couple of verses later that Jesus:*

Joh 11:5 Now **Jesus loved G25=agapaō** Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

Joh 11:6 When he had heard therefore that he was sick, **he abode two days still in the same place where he was.**

*So, in reality Jesus had a greater love for them than they knew of. And yet in spite of this greater love, He was not moved by it, but by His Father's will:*

Joh 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do:** for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

Joh 5:30 **I can of mine own self do nothing:** as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; **because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.**

*Joh 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.*

*Now, let's look at an example of why we need to hate the self life, the soulish and its natural affections that comes short of the glory of God, and if not denied and submitted to the cross to die, can become a hinderance and an instrument of satan to manipulate, to control against the will of God.*

**Mat 16:21** From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

**Mat 16:22** Then Peter took him (*Peter moved by his great and passionate love = phileo for Jesus*), and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

**Mat 16:23** But he turned, and said unto Peter, **Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.**

*In Peter's mind he was moved by his love (natural) for Jesus, but Jesus discerned that this soulish love was manipulated and driven by satan, hence he rebuked satan. So to be driven by **the soulish natural love can be an offence to God; because it does not care for the things of God but the things of men (selfish).** Thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.*

**Mat 16:24** 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.**

**Mat 16:25** For whosoever will save his life (soulish self life) shall lose it: and whosoever will lose <sup>G622</sup> his life for my sake shall find it.

**G622** ἀπόλλυμι apollumi

**Thayer Definition:**

1) to destroy

1a) to put out of the way entirely, abolish, put an end to ruin

1b) render useless

1c) to kill

1d) to declare that one must be put to death

Mat 26:31 Then saith Jesus unto them, **All ye shall be offended** because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.

Mat 26:33 Peter answered and said unto him, Though all *men* shall be offended because of thee, **yet will I never be offended.**

Mat 26:34 Jesus said unto him, **Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.**

Mat 26:35 Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

*Peter was convinced that his soulish natural love for Jesus was genuine. And truly he was willing to die for Jesus.*

*People think that Peter was a coward when he denied Jesus. But can a coward take a sword and confront an army to defend Jesus when they came to arrest Him? No! He was bold and courageous. But when Jesus stopped him and healed the servant's ear and surrendered to be arrested, Peter was **offended** not scared (as Jesus said that all will be offended).*

*So when he denied Jesus three times, he did it out of **offended feelings, out of anger**, that's why the Bible says that when he denied Jesus, he was cursing and swearing:*

Mat 26:74 Then began he **to curse and to swear**, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.

*After the resurrection Jesus was able to confront and to teach Peter the difference between his soulish natural love *phileo* for Jesus - that can be manipulated by satan, and can be offended and leads to deny even Jesus - and the true Agape Love that He wants to give us:*

Joh 21:15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, **Simon, son of Jonas, lovest G25=agapaō thou me more than these?** He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love **G5368=phileō** thee. He saith unto him, **Feed my lambs.**

*(Notice here that Peter dared not use the same word for love that Jesus used [now he learnt the difference])*

Joh 21:16 He saith to him again the second time, **Simon**, son of **Jonas**, lovest **G25=agapaō** thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love **G5368=phileō** thee. He saith unto him, **Feed my sheep**.

Joh 21:17 He saith unto him the third time, **Simon**, son of **Jonas**, lovest **G5368=phileō** thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest **G5368=phileō** thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love **G5368=phileō** thee. Jesus saith unto him, **Feed my sheep**.

*In summary, the soulish (self) life does not reflect the image of God (God is Love). And that is why we need to hate it, to renounce it, to deny it and carry the cross daily. As we go through different trials of our lives, and choose the cross, a dying and a transformation happens in our soul from the old **self image to the image of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit**, from the old self life, to experience the resurrected life of Christ.*

Luk 9:23 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.**

Luk 9:24 **For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.**

Luk 9:25 For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?

*And that's what Paul experienced*

2Co 4:8 We are **troubled** on every side, yet not distressed; we are **perplexed**, but not in despair;

2Co 4:9 **Persecuted**, but not forsaken; **cast down**, but not destroyed;

2Co 4:10 Always bearing about in the body (*Through the trials, tribulations, afflictions and sufferings...*) the dying of the Lord Jesus, **that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.**

2Co 4:11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, **that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.**

Rom 5:3 And not only *so*, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

Rom 5:4 And patience, experience G1382 dokimē = approved, tried character (Thayer's dictionary); and experience, hope:

Rom 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love G26=agapē of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, **he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

2Co 3:18 **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, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.**

*God is Love (Agape), He is a good God, Faithful, Just and True,.... HalleluYah!*

1Sa 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? **Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.**

Pro 3:5 **Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.**

Pro 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

*We trust the Lord that this teaching would be of great encouragement for you. May the LORD continue to bless you, guide you and protect you and empower you to be doers of the word.*

Jas 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.*

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