

The Christian's Life: Taking Up One's Cross (Luke 9:23)

17 effects of taking up your cross (*σταυρός*) for Jesus' sake:

1. ... **outwardly** _____ **your relationship with Jesus**

Matt 10:38 And he who does not take (~) his cross and follow (~) after Me is not worthy of Me.

2. ... _____ **scorn from those that reject Jesus**

Matt 27:39-44 And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build *it* in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹ Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders¹, said, ⁴² "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him." ⁴³ "He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴ Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing. (Mark 15:30-32)

3. ... _____ **your daily life**

Lk 9:23 Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

4. ... _____ **God's required design for your salvation**

Matt 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. (Mark 8:34)

Lk 14:27 "And whoever does not bear (~) his cross and come (~) after Me cannot be My disciple.

5. ... _____ **you to go to difficult places**

Jn 19:17 And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called *the Place* of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha,

6. ... _____ **you in the eyes of others**

Jn 19:19 Now Pilate wrote a title and put *it* on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

7. ... **may** _____ **you from those you love most**

Jn 19:25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

8. ... _____ **the end effect of the gospel**

1 Cor 1:17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.

9. ... _____ **us by salvation's truth**

1 Cor 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

2 Tim 3:5a having a form of godliness but denying its power.

10. ... _____ **those who reject Jesus**

Gal 5:11 And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why do I still suffer persecution? Then the offense of the cross has ceased.

11. ... _____ **persecution from those who reject Jesus**

Gal 6:12 As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these *would* compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

12. ... _____ **your complete attention on Jesus' accomplishment**

Gal 6:14 But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

13. ... _____ **you outwardly with others who follow Jesus**

Eph 2:16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

14. ... _____ **you to act on behalf of the good of others**

Phil 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point* of death, even the death of the cross.

15. ... _____ **with God rather than against God.**

Phil 3:18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ:

16. ... _____ **upon the foundation of God's salvation**

Col 1:20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Col 2:14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

17. ... _____ **us to the future**

Heb 12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.