

His Cross -- Our Cross

by Miles J. Stanford

The sermon emphasizes the importance of identifying with Christ in His death and resurrection, and the need to crucify the old man in us in order to truly experience transformation.

Scripture: Luke 9:23, Luke 14:27, Romans 6:6, Galatians 2:20, Colossians 3:5

Topics: "The Cross", "Sanctification"

Description

Miles J. Stanford emphasizes the importance of taking up our cross daily to follow Jesus, highlighting the deep identification with Christ's death and resurrection at Calvary. He points out that the Reformation, while recovering justification by faith, failed to maintain the crucifixion of the old sinful nature, leading to a weakness in recognizing the flesh before God. Stanford challenges the notion of viewing the Cross only as an escape route without addressing the sinful nature that needs to be crucified. He critiques the modern tendency to lower the truth of the Cross to meet human needs, hindering spiritual growth and advancement in faith.

Transcript

"He said to them all, If any man will come after Me, let him. . . take up his Cross daily " (Luke 9. 23).

We go all the way to Calvary in faith and there find ourselves identified with the Lord Jesus in His death and resurrection. And Calvary comes all the way to us in experience as the Holy Spirit applies that finished work to our lives.

In the Reformation there was, through grace, a great deliverance. The groundwork of Christianity was recovered; namely, justification by faith. But though this was recovered, it was not maintained that the old man was crucified on the Cross, and hence they only refused the exactions of popery, but recognized the flesh as still before God. Refusing the exaction was right; but the retention of that in which the exaction could be made, the old man, was the weakness of the Reformation. "

"I do not see the Cross truly if I only see it as opening a way of escape for me, and yet allowing that in me to escape which has incurred the judgment of the Cross. "

"In the present day (1867) the truth is lowered to the measure of man's need; hence if the need is met, which grace does, the convert makes little or no advance; he rests in the satisfaction of his need, instead of being directed to the scope of God's thought, which only begins with his need. "Where would souls be

put if they were simply and definitely instructed in Christ Jesus and Him crucified and risen; connected by faith with the living One, who was crucified, and whose death terminated man in the flesh?" -J.B.S.

"Whosoever doth not, bear his Cross, and come after Me, cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:27).

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