

Fullness of the Cross: What the Cross Did In Us

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Gal. 5:24 - those who belong to Jesus have _____ the flesh.

1 Pet. 4:2 - we no longer live for human _____ but for God's will.

Col. 3:5 - "we put off," "put to death" what is _____, so that it doesn't lead us away from God.

Carrying our cross changes the way we relate to God. It renews our _____ of God.

The cross helps us see how _____ and beautiful Jesus is.

Loving Him more than anything brings God into _____.

The cross brings God's _____ into focus in our life.

Carrying our cross *keeps* us sober, _____, alert, and standing firm in the Lord to the end.

1. Rom. 13:14 - we won't make any provision for the _____, to gratify its desires.
2. Gal. 6:14 - keeps us humble and dead to the ways of the _____.
3. Rom. 12:1 - we present our entire life as a living _____ to God. We won't conform back to the world if we are living sacrifices to the Lord

Questions

1. How do you see the process of replacing "self-governed ungodliness" with "self-controlled godliness" playing out in your own life?
2. In what ways does carrying the cross help you remain focused on God's will rather than human passions? (1 Peter 4:2)
3. Romans 12:1 describes offering our lives as living sacrifices. How can this influence your decisions and priorities?
4. What are some practical ways to stay sober-minded and stand firm in the faith while resisting the pull of worldly desires?
5. How can accountability within the Body of Christ support individuals in carrying their cross and resisting the temptations of the flesh?
6. What role does prayer play in helping believers endure trials and remain focused on Christ?

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Gal. 5:24 - those who belong to Jesus have crucified the flesh.

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Col. 3:5 - "we put off," "put to death" what is earthly, so that it doesn't lead us away from God.

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The cross helps us see how worthy and beautiful Jesus is.

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