

A sunset landscape with a rainbow and crosses on a hill. The sky is a gradient of orange and red, with a large rainbow arching across it. In the foreground, there are dark, rolling hills. In the middle ground, a hill features three crosses of varying heights, silhouetted against the bright light of the setting sun.

The Crucified Life

The Cost. The Call. The Glory.

Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

**I have been crucified with
Christ and I no longer live, but
Christ lives in me.**

Point 1:

The Cost: Jesus didn't just die for you...He showed you how to die

Isaiah 53:3 (NIV)

**“He was despised and rejected
by mankind, a man of suffering,
and familiar with pain...”**

“The cross of Christ is the sweetest burden that I ever bore. It is a burden to me such as wings are to a bird or sails are to a ship to carry me forward to my harbor.”

-Samuel Rutherford

Point 2:

The Call: Jesus calls you to lose your life so He can live through you.

Luke 9:24 (NIV)

**“Whoever loses their life for
me will save it.”**

Galatians 2:20 NIV

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

John 3:17 (NIV)

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

“In every Christian’s heart there is a cross and a throne, and the Christian is on the throne till he puts himself on the cross; if he refuses the cross, he remains on the throne.

Perhaps this is at the bottom of the backsliding and worldliness among gospel believers today. We want to be saved, but we insist that Christ do all the dying. No cross for us, no dethronement, no dying.

We remain king within the little kingdom of Man's soul and wear our tinsel crown with all the pride of a Caesar; but we doom ourselves to shadows and weakness and spiritual sterility”

-A.W. Tozer

Point 3:

**The Cost within the Call -
You will be rejected and
opposed.**

John 15:20 (NIV)

**“If they persecuted me, they
will persecute you also.”**

**If you want to be accepted
by everyone, you cannot
carry a cross.**

Matthew 5:11-12(NIV)

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

Matthew 5:11-12(NIV)

Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Point 4:

**The Glory: Suffering
produces joy and scars
reveal grace.**

John 20:27 (NIV)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

John 3:16 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

**“When Christ calls a man,
he bids him come and die.”**

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer