

Crossover Ministries Scriptures from 5/27/07 Sermon

“Facing the Giant Named SIN (part 4) Dealing with Sin in a Sinless Society”

Nevertheless, Consider the Love of the Lord

1. Nevertheless

Luke 5:1-7 (NKJV)

1 So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that he stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, 2 and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. 3 Then he got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. 4 When he had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” 5 But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your Word I will let down the net.” 6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. 7 So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

2. When We Face Christ on the Cross we can Receive Life

Luke 23:39-43 (New Living Translation)

39 One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!”

40 But the other criminal protested, “Don't you fear God even when you are dying? 41 We deserve to die for our evil deeds, but this man hasn't done anything wrong.” 42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”

43 And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Transition: Recognizing our Sins on the Cross, empowers our hearts to receive life

- God does not push life on you. You must take it up of your own free will
- The Cross brings New Life when we are willing to acknowledge the sins of our old life and see the consequences.
- If we run from our responsibility and acknowledging it—the Old life remains and we become slaves to it, because the New relationship cannot begin!

3. The Wrong Heart & Relationship Leaves you Cursed

Genesis 3:9-13 (New King James Version)

9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?”

10 So he said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

11 And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

12 Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”

13And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"
The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Genesis 3:14, 16, 17 (New International Version)

14So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals..."

16To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children..."

17To Adam he said, "because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life..."

4. Facing Christ w/ Expectancy, Caters to Relationship, the Relationship Sets us free from SIN

Psalms 130:7-8 (New International Version)

7O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing Love and with Him is full redemption.

8He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Revelation 12:11 (New King James Version)

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."