

TEXT: MT. 16:24 "Take up His Cross" CONTEXT: LUKE 22-24 "Not my Will"

GRACE: Desire and power to do the will of God - Rom 12:1-3 GAL 1:3-5

DISGRACE: "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled." - Heb 12:15

Seek God's HEART! - Acts 13:22

APPLICATION:

1. Repent of self-righteousness that leads to anger, bitterness and immorality - 1 Jn 1:9 Heb 12:15-16
2. Verbally ask God to regain the surrendered ground of your soul where bitterness has taken root - Ps 23:3
3. Present your body as a living sacrifice for God's service Rom 12:1 1 Cor 6:14-20
4. Transform your mind with God's word to prove God's 3 fold will for your life 11 Cor 10:4-5 Rom 6:12:2-3
 - a. Good will = Repentance Rom 2:1-4 11 TM 2:24-26
 - b. Acceptable will: Service Heb 12:22-29
 - c. Perfect will: Love Mt. 5:43-48
5. Forgive all offenders Mt 6:14-15 EPH 4:32
6. Invest a treasure in the offenders life - Mt 5:38-48
7. OBEY the truth - 1 Pet 1:15-25

① LOVE'S PRAYER OF SELF-DENIAL

LK 22:42 BASED ON... HEB 10:1-17

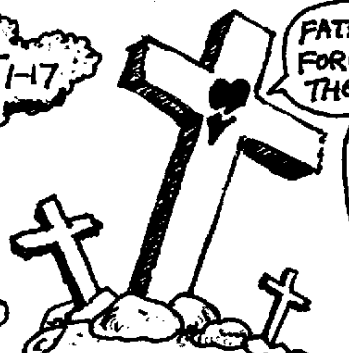
- A. NEEDS OF OTHERS - HEB 10:1-6
- B. GOD'S WORD - HEB 10:7
- C. GOD'S GRACE - HEB 10:9
- D. GOD'S SACRIFICE - HEB 10:10
- E. SURRENDER OF PERSONAL RIGHTS HEB 10:17.

NOT MY WILL, BUT THINE, BE DONE.

FATHER, FORGIVE THEM

LOVE:

Through God's affection, mercy, and inner witness, we willingly give to meet the needs of others at the altar of sacrifice for the Glory of Christ.
 JOHN 3:16; EPH 2:4-7
 1 JN 2:3-11; 4:7-21
 1 JOHN 5:1-4
 ROM 5:1-9
 8:15-16



② LOVE'S PURPOSE IN SUFFERING

LK 23:34 - 1 PET 4:1-19

- A. v1 - Cease from Sin
- B. v2 - Live in God's will
- C. v10 - Give God's Grace to others
- D. v13 - Rejoice in sufferings & Reproaches
- E. v16 - Glorify God, be not ashamed
- F. v19 - Real commitment by doing well

TRUE LOVE IS BASED ON FREEDOM FROM PERSONAL RIGHTS

Luke 7:47

③ LOVE'S POWER RELEASED - LK 24:44-49

- A. Scriptural Fulfillment v. 44-46
- B. Gospel Presented v. 47 Rom 1:16 1 Cor 1:18
- C. Witnessing occurs v. 48 Acts 1:8
- D. Waiting on the Lord means: - Ps 62:5

1. Identify with Christ
 - a. Believe on Him - JOHN 6:47
 - b. "BIND TOGETHER" - JN 17:20-23
2. TRUST IN HIS WORD - PROV 2
 - a. "ENTWINE" - Twist together
 - b. Memorize God's word - Ps 119:11 Jam 1:21
 - c. Meditate on God's Word - Jos 1:8 Ps 1

3. Pray in Faith - MK 11:24
 - a. "EXPECT" - Mt 13:1-23
 - b. SOW/REAP - GAL 6:7-10
4. FOUR PROMISES ON WAITING - ISA 40:31
 - a. "RENEW" - willing obedience - Rom 12:2
 - b. "MOUNT" - SPIRITUAL POWER - COL 3:1
 - c. "RUN" - Purpose in life - Heb 12:1-2
 - d. "WALK" - Continual Guidance - Col 2:6

OUR PRAYER: "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." - Mt 6:9-10

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