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Our cross

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Hi Guys,

What are our limitations? What are the things that restrict us? What is our cross? They are our physical, spiritual and emotional selves.

Do you have a 'weak' personality? Do you have a 'strong' personality? Both are a limitation unto Him. Each one is a cross.

Do you get angry easily? Do you get saddened quickly? Are you indifferent? All are limitations in His sight.

He asks us to take up our cross daily, yet we have died with Him on the cross. Can we see that all things concerning us must be out-worked despite it's accomplishment in the heavenly sphere?

But where are we taking this cross from and where do we take it to?

Ah, friends - we take the cross of 'ourselves' and carry it daily to the one who has died for us!

'But where are we taking it from?'

It is 'raised' from the dust and offered up to Him as a living sacrifice.

Mark 8:34 - 'take up' is the greek word -airo - to lift.

Matt 10:38 - 'taketh' is the greek word - lambano. Same word used for 'receiveth' in Matt 7:8 and Matt 10:8.

So 'to take up our cross' is to 'receive', understand, finally acknowledge who we are; and then moving forward with that knowledge, 'lifting' it up and laying in on the cross of Christ Jesus.

When did God start bearing His cross for us?

The moment He said, 'Let us make man...' - the journey of the cross started.

Do we see that the out-working of this was completing when the 'Word was made flesh', and its physical culmination was at Calvary?

But is that the final end of the cross of Christ? I say, no.

Then cometh the end when, He shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the

Father; when He shall have put down ALL rule and ALL authority and power'. 1 Cor 15:24.

The efficacy of the Cross ends when all are returned; when creation resonates in harmony to Him who is The King of Kings.

For mankind lost that 'resonance' and dragged the entire created world down with him (as you can see when you look around and in yourself).

Do the scriptures not say, 'If in this life we have hope in Christ we are of all men most miserable'? 1 Cor 15:19.

There is hope beyond this physical life. There has <u>always</u> been hope and there will <u>always</u> be grace!

Consider this today.

Stay blessed in Him,

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