

Dying to Self (The Epic of the Cross Series – Part III)

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1. What do you see (what comes to mind) when you look at a large wooden cross?

2. Pastor Steve suggested that each of us tends to look at the cross through a window of some sort in the same way that some of the female followers of Christ “beheld” the cross as Jesus died (Luke 23:49). They were constructing theories of what was going on. Isn’t the cross just the cross? How would you explain these “windows”?

3. Read Galatians 2:15-16

It seems like Paul is saying the Jews are different and at the same time saying they aren’t different. How can that be?

4. Read Galatians 2:19-21.

a) There is lots of talk about dying and crucifixion. What is Paul trying to say in verses 19 & 20?

b) What warning is Paul giving the reader in verse 21?

5. Pastor Steve said there is a difference between the crucifixion and the cross. How are they different?

6. Toward the end of the sermon, Pastor Steve said that some of us have small crosses, while others have big crosses. What did he mean?

7. Work your way through the acronym SELF, explaining what each letter signifies.

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8. Does it help to think of dying to “self will” rather than dying to self?

9. So how do we do this? How do we die to self?