

Taking Up the Cross

Key Scripture: Matthew 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23

Then Jesus said to His disciples, *If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross (daily in Luke) and follow Me.*

The Meaning of the Cross – for _____

The Meaning of the Cross – for Jesus’ _____

Pre-crucifixion

Post-crucifixion / resurrection

The Meaning of the Cross – for _____

- My _____ in Christ
- An _____ of death – to my old way of life

Summary

Two key principles

- His _____ for my _____
- My _____ for His _____

Taking up the cross daily

- Seeing the cross as an _____ to all that is keeping me from living in _____ to Christ.

Question: What is my conception of “the cross?” How would I describe it to someone?