

## **The Power of the Cross**

Dealt with sin, dealt with us and deals with us.

### **Matthew 16:21-**

1. From that time on He began to show His disciples.
  - a. He must go to Jerusalem.
  - b. He must suffer many things.
  - c. From the religious establishment.
  - d. He would be killed and raised on the third day.

**Matthew 16:22-** This proclamation of the Lord's purpose did not fit Peter's mindset.

1. Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.
2. Far be it from You Lord, this shall not happen to You.
3. Satan came in on Peter's unwillingness to submit to the Lord speaking.
4. You are mindful of the things of man but not the things of God.

### **Matthew 16:24**

1. If anyone desires = has strong feelings about following Me.
2. Let him deny = with strong denial or rejection of himself/herself.
3. Take up his cross and follow Me.

### **Matthew 16:25**

1. Whoever desires, has strong intentions of saving his life, will lose it.
2. Whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.
3. Vs. 26 what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?

**Galatians 6:12** - Religious persecution.

1. Desire to make a good showing in the flesh.

2. A strong desire for compliance by association.
3. But God forbid I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
  - a. By which the world and everything in it has been crucified to me.
  - b. And I to the world. (Past tense with Gal. 2:20.) Present tense in Gal. 5:16-
  - c. The fruit of the Spirit (Love) = and it's expression.
  - d. Vs. 24 and those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with it's passions and desires.
  - e. If we live in the Spirit let us also walk in the Spirit.