

## **Take up his cross and follow Me**

*Matt 10:37-39*

*37 " He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38 "And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 " He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.*

Let's read the other passages in the gospels that talk about disciples taking up their cross:

Make notes about anything new or different that is found in these other passages

**Matt 16:21-28**

Note: Verse 27 is a quotation from Psalm 62

**Mark 8:27-9:3**

**Luke 9:18-27**

Each of these gospel passages record statements that our Lord made to His disciples before He went to the cross to die for our sins.

Let's now read passages in the letters which were written after Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven.

What do these passages say about the Christian and the cross?

**1 Cor 15:29-34**

**Rom 6:5-11**

**Gal 2:20-21**

**Gal 5:16-6:10**

**Gal 6:14-16**

**Phil 3:1-21**

**Col 3:1-21**

Compare and contrast the gospel passages and the passages in the letters.

Think about the kind of statement it is (exhortation versus statement of fact)

Is the statement talking about something that may or may not be accomplished, or something that has already been accomplished?

What is the nature of the cross in the daily life of the Christian?