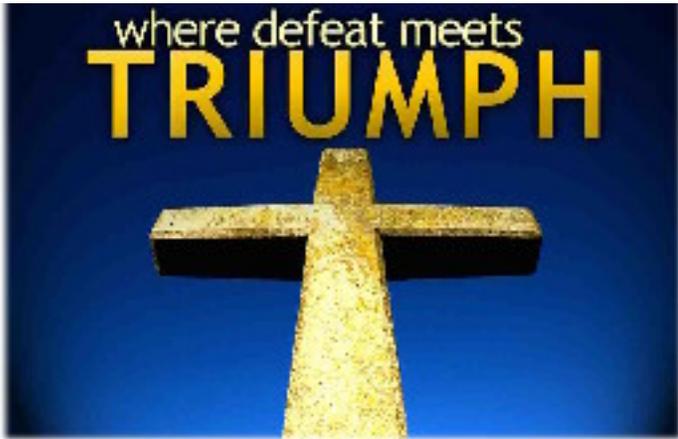


# KNEEL AT THE CROSS:

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Text: Philippians 3:12-16



Introduction: One of the most difficult things for a human being is to seek humility. We are often full of vanity, and pride, and selfishness, but Christians know that humility is the key to becoming a true child of God. We know that we need to kneel at the cross. Think about what Paul says in the text. He wants us to see things in a different light. When we kneel at the cross, we surrender to the will of God, and we seek His mind. Here are five things that we have to do when we kneel at the cross. . . .

Discussion:

## I. You have to give up!!!

**Matthew 19:29-30** = "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

**II Corinthians 5:17** = "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

## II. You have to sell out!!!

**Mark 12:30** = "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."

**Luke 9:23-25** = "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?"

## III. You have to rewrite history!!!

**Jeremiah 1:5** = "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. . . ."

**Romans 3:23** = "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

**Romans 5:8** = "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

## IV. You have to go to war!!!

**Ephesians 6:10-11** = "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. . . ."

**I Peter 5:8-9** = "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world."

## V. You have to commit to the adventure!!!

**Matthew 28:18-20** = "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

**I Corinthians 15:57-58** = "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Conclusion: We need to take everything we have studied and put it in a personal perspective. We have the opportunity to save our own souls. There are five simple steps to starting the journey that lies ahead! Are you ready to kneel at the cross? Are you ready to come to the place where defeat meets triumph?

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