

# **Sermon – Preparing for the Cross – Part Three**

## **Enduring the Cross, Enduring a Crisis, and Enduring Reconciliation**

### **Key Words:**

**Faith – Pistis** - conviction of the truth (that God, Jesus exists) , respect for man's relationship to God.

**Endure – Hupomeno** - to bear bravely and calmly, to remain or tarry behind, hold fast to one's faith in Christ.

**Theme Scripture** - Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. **Hebrews 12:2**

And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself .... **Colossians 1:20**

Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, to obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you, and peace, be multiplied. **1 Peter 1:2**

### **I. Submitting to God and Submitting to one another – 1 Peter 5:5:**

A. Likewise, you younger, submit yourselves to the elder. Yes, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resists the proud, and gives grace to the humble.

B. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

### **II. Humility and the Fear of the Lord – Acts 20:19**

A. The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honor is humility.

**Proverbs 15:33**

B. By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honor, and life. **Proverbs 22:4**

C. Serving the LORD with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying-in wait of the Jews – Acts 20:19

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### **III. Jesus' Cross – Becoming the Sin of the World in God the Father's Eyes**

- A. The Persecution of Jesus by the Jews – John 5:1, 10, 15-18
- B. Wounded for our Transgressions - Isaiah 53: 2-5
- C. Reconciling the World unto Himself - 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

### **IV. Conclusion – Endure the Cross – Walk in God's Light**

- A. Submit to God and One Another
- B. Seek God's Humility and Fear of the Lord
- C. Obey God and Walk in His Light!

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleans us from all sin. **1 John 1:7**