

# **Lesson 3**

## **Embracing the Cross**

1.Last lesson learned about the issue of sin in the human race.

2.Can we over come sin now? Do we have to sin

3.Look at some scriptures related to this.

1 John 2:9 1 John 3:9

- 1. We do not have to sin. It is a lie of the devil that we have to remain in any sin.**
- 2. That which is born of God cannot sin. We are not made better sinners in Christ but holy saints.**
- 3. 12 years ago the Holy Spirit severely rebuked me for using the excuse that I am only human and can't overcome certain sins. This is a lie of Satan.**
- 4. We do not want to encourage ourselves or anyone else to continue in any sin.**
- 5. Is Christ's sacrifice sufficient to deliver from sin?  
I will show you the way.**

**1. In order to have freedom from sins the factory of sins must be destroyed. That factory is sin.**

**2. Sin is destroyed at the cross. The sin filled race of Adam died at the cross in the Son of man.**

**3. Some scriptures 1 John 1:29; Heb9:26; 2 Cor 5:21**

1. The Son of man's sacrifice is God's remedy for the removal of Adam's race and sin with it.
2. How is this applied to our lives initially and daily.
3. Initially it is through our baptism which is the funeral of our old life of sin.
4. We embrace our death and burial with Christ.
5. Some scriptures. Rom 6:6; Rom 6:4

Baptism is the first act of discipleship.

Baptism is a permanent marker in our life to which we can look to affirm the death of the old life and the embrace of the new life in Christ.

Also baptism separates us from the world system of Satan.

There is a daily affirmation of the death to the old life of sin and self.

Let's look at a scripture that references this. Luke: 9:23

**If we wish to be his disciple then everyday, we deny self and embrace the instrument of death to self- our cross.**

**This is a daily renewal of what happened at our baptism.**

**Two sides to the cross.**

**We cannot follow Christ through our own means. The old life can make no contribution to the Kingdom of God.**

**We are only qualified to follow Him through self denial and an embracing of the cross daily. Spiritual reality by faith.**

**We move from self centeredness to Christ centeredness.**

**He will then lead us to places where the Holy Spirit will humble us as he applies the death of the cross in practical ways.**

**Over time this will produce spiritual enlargement and a greater intake of the resurrection life of Jesus Christ.**

**He will make us humble, loving people who are sources of spiritual encouragement to others.**

**The next 3 lessons explain characteristics of a truth seeker. Next week is Wholeheartedness.**