

# ***Take Up Your Cross***

- **The pattern of a cruciform life (Philippians 2:5-8)**
  - *Although existing in the form of God*
  - *Not consider equality with God something to cling to*
  - *But emptied/humbled Himself, going to the cross*
  - *In order that others might be forgiven*

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  - ***Although... [advantage]***
  - ***Not... [use it or insist on it]***
  - ***But... [give it up]***
  - ***In order that... [others might benefit]***

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- **The pattern of a cruciform life (2 Corinthians 8:9)**

***“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich .”***

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- **The pattern of a cruciform life in the life of Christ (John 13)**
  - *Although Jesus is both Lord and Master...*
  - *He does not insist on being served...*
  - *But humbles Himself*
  - *To serve others.*

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- **The pattern of a cruciform life in Paul's life (Philippians 1:20-26)**
  - ***Although it would be better for me to depart and be with Christ***
  - ***I choose not to go***
  - ***But will remain with you***
  - ***In order that you may progress and rejoice in the faith***

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- **The pattern of a cruciform life in Paul's life (1 Corinthians 9)**
  - *Although I have a right to receive wages for my work in the Gospel... (v. 1-14)*
  - *I will not use it... I will not make full use of my right in the Gospel... (v. 15, 18)*
  - *So that I might win more (v. 19)*
- **How would these principles affect the eating of meat offered to idols in Corinth?**
- **How would they affect the use of any liberty that might cause others to stumble?**

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- **We must humble ourselves**
- **We must be obedient in all things**
- **We must learn to be servants**
- **We must be willing to suffer**
- **We must accept the shame of the cross**
- **We must be crucified to the world**