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# **Crucified With Christ**



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Hi,

Over the years I have had numerous people ask me for a copy of my sermon notes for their own personal Bible studies. I am glad to be able to present them to you. You have in your hands an exact copy of my sermon notes for your very own personal studies. I pray that as you study the Word, that the Holy Spirit will add even more than what you have before you. Put yourself there in what you are studying. What were they feeling, what were they facing...make the Word come alive by placing yourself there.

I am also including a list of the resources that I use to obtain my information, but I will say this, without the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you under the anointing all you have is just a bunch of books. I always pray before, during, and upon deliverance of each message I receive. I pray that...***you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Colossians 1:9).*** I am both honored and blessed that you have selected a Sermon Notes Series and I pray that it will be a blessing to you!

With Much Love,  
Pastor John

## RESOURCES USED

- \* The Companion Bible
- \* Dake's Annotated Reference Bible
- \* Young's Analytical Concordance To The Bible
- \* A Dictionary Of Bible Types
- \* Vine's Expository Dictionary Of New Testament Words
- \* The American College Dictionary
- \* World's Bible Handbook
- \* The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary
- \* Nelson's Three- in- One Bible Reference Companion
- \* The Word -The Bible In 26 Translations
- \* God's Plan For Man
- \* Harper's Encyclopedia Of Bible Life
- \* Nelson's Expository Dictionary Of The Old Testament
- \* Manners And Customs From the Bible
- \* What The Bible Is All About
- \* Halley's Bible Handbook

*These are just a small listing of the study aides that I use. The greatest study aide available is letting the Holy Spirit be your teacher. May you get to know Him!*

Words translated from the Gk = Greek and Hb=Hebrew.

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## OUR VISION

“My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge;”

*Hosea 4:6*

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:”

*Proverbs 23:7*

“...and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;”

*Colossians 1:9*

“Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.”

*Proverbs 24:3-5*

“And the Gospel must first be published among all nations.”

*Mark 13:10*

As the Scriptures speak for themselves, our vision is to empower Believers everywhere to live a victorious abundant lifestyle that can be obtained through wisdom and understanding. If you are willing to change the way you think, you can change the way you live. A renewed mind towards the Word of God established you firmly in the faith and opens the door for the blessings and benefits of God to become evident in your life.

Because We Believe In You,  
*John and Karen Pelizzari*

## CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

**Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.**

1. I want you to notice that everyone goes through a crucifixion process.
2. The signs that are evident during a crucifixion season are easily identified when we look at Jesus and His crucifixion.
  - a. You may experience betrayal by people that you thought were close in your life.
  - b. There will be misunderstanding, blame, accusation and much confusion.
  - c. The ones you thought would never leave you...leave you.
  - d. When you need people to cover you in prayer, they are asleep and totally clueless to the agony and inner turmoil that you are facing.
  - e. The situation will seem so out of control and your destiny lies in the hands of people who could care less about you.

- f. Then, you are praying to God and even He seems to be turning His back on you.
  - g. The world around you gets darker and it seems like the earth itself is being shook at its very core...and you have taken the worst beating of your life.
3. The “*worst*” thing that is going to happen to you is that you will live through it even though at the time it was killing you.
  4. The purpose of the crucifixion process that you will face is to kill off the flesh.
  5. The flesh represents:
    - a. What you want.
    - b. What you think.
    - c. What you choose.
    - d. How you would handle it.
  6. If you successfully go through the crucifixion process, then the evidence of that will be ***Christ living in you.***
  7. So there is going to come a time in your life when it seems the whole world is against you. You pray and God doesn’t respond at all...heaven is silent and it goes from bad to worst.

8. How you respond while you are hanging on the cross determines whether it is you still living the life after the flesh or if you are living with Christ in you.
  - a. If you don’t make it through this crucifixion process, then you’ll have to face it again and again until Christ is formed in you.

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9. How can you tell if you successfully went through your crucifixion season?
  - a. Your flesh now chooses faith over mind, will and emotions.
  - b. You love like Jesus did...you don’t let the behaviors of others determine whether they get your full attention or just surface relationship.
  - c. And you now give of yourself instead of take or trying to get.
10. So let’s look at the two most common responses while people are “being crucified with Christ.”

**Mark 15:24-27 [24] And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take. [25] And it was**

**the third hour, and they crucified him. [26] And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS. [27] And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.**

11. I am now going to severely mess with your doctrine and religious traditions.
12. Jesus is being crucified. We see that **two thieves are being crucified** with Him.

**Thieves** - Gk - *leistes* - plunderer, one who enters forcibly and steals goods, especially during war.

- Vagabond, one who wanders around.

**Crucify** - Gk - *stauroo* - to impale on a cross.

13. So we see Jesus and these two thieves experiencing the same manner of execution.

**Mark 15:28-32** [28] **And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors. [29] And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, [30] Save thyself, and come down from the cross. [31] Likewise also the chief priests mocking said**

**among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save. [32] Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him.**

14. Here we see that these two thieves reviled Jesus. This is the most common reaction that people show when they are going through their crucifixion process.

**Reviled** - Gk - *oneidizo* - to defame, to damage the reputation.

- a. See, when people go through their crucifixion process, they stop believing that God is all powerful because He didn't answer their little prayer request like they thought He should.

- To taunt, meaning to make remarks that are intended to wound or provoke action.

- b. It sound like this:
  1. Well, I thought you were all powerful and you could do anything.
  2. Where's the fulfillment of your promise? I thought you were a healer, deliverer, all powerful who could do anything.

- To chide, to become angry and then nag, criticize or grumble constantly.
  - c. See, a lot of people are still hanging on their cross, being mad at God, griping, fussing, cussing and complaining because something didn't go their way.
    - 1. To cast in the teeth, shows that now they are so out of sorts with God that when they talk about it, they say it through gritted teeth.
15. All of these are evidences that these people never passed the crucifixion process and that their flesh still dominates their life instead of the Holy Spirit of God.
16. Instead of faith, they have frustration; instead of joy they live for the weekend, instead of hope their lives are governed by their credit score, income and who they know and what they can do.
17. So these two thieves reviled Jesus. Many disillusioned, discouraged and disgruntled "used to be Christians" are like these two thieves.
18. So they never were promoted to the resurrection, power filled life of faith in Christ.
- a. Still hanging on the cross, mad at God, griping and letting satan keep them nailed there as long as he can get them to remember how God didn't meet their need.

19. Now, brace yourself as I mess with your doctrine and religious tradition.

- a. Just something to think about...

**Luke 23:32      And there were also two others, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.**

20. Here we see that Luke the Physician is telling us that there are two others besides Jesus being lead to their deaths.

- a. But he doesn't call them thieves, he calls them malefactors.

**Malefactors** - Gk - *kakourgos* - a wrong doer; a criminal or evil doer.

**Luke 23:33      And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.**

21. A malefactor is just a person who gets in trouble with the law on a continual basis. They do not necessarily have to be a thief.

- a. But wait, there's more...

22. Reading this verse, you get the impression that these are the two thieves from the other gospels and we

assume they were crucified based on how this is worded.

a. So let's go on...

**Luke 23:34-38** [34] Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. [35] And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God. [36] And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, [37] And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself. [38] And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, **THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

23. So Jesus is on the cross for you and I.

**Luke 23:39** And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

**Railed** - Gk - *blasphemeo* - to blaspheme, meaning to speak irreverently, (disrespectfully) about God.

24. Notice also that these malefactors was hanged.

**Hanged** - Gk - *kremannumi* - to hang, to kill by tying a rope around one's neck.

**Luke 23:40** But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

25. In **Mark chapter 15**, we read that two thieves were crucified with Jesus. Both thieves reviled Jesus.

26. In **Luke 23**, we see two others, malefactors, being executed with Jesus but only one blasphemes Him while the other one gets on to the other malefactor.

27. Is it possible that the two thieves were crucified at the same time Jesus was and the two malefactors came a little bit later and instead of three crosses, there were actually 5?

a. Five is symbolic of grace, which would put Jesus right in the middle of grace.

**Luke 23:41** And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

28. This malefactor is defending Jesus but we read no record of one of the thieves defending Jesus.

**Luke 23:42-43** [42] And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. [43] And Jesus said

**unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.**

29. So now we see the three most common ways that people respond when they go through their “crucified with Christ” season.

#1. **They revile Him like the two thieves** - they get all mad and upset, talk smack not realizing that it is their grudge that is keeping them on the cross, not the nails.

#2. **They rail against Him like the first malefactor** - for the rest of their lives they won’t give God a second thought while on this earth not realizing that for the rest of eternity while they are in hell, He will be their only thought.

#3. **They will respond to Him like the other malefactor** - he simply accepted it but he knew that something better was just around the corner, all he had to do was go through the process, let the flesh die so a new life could begin.

**Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.**

30. The crucifixion process is intended for you to let go of your flesh from being in control and to let your spirit life begin.

**Galatians 2:20 (NLT) I myself no longer live, but Christ lives in me. So I live my life in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

31. Spirit life is a life of trusting Jesus whether things go your way or not with the understanding that He has a better, greater plan in mind.

**Galatians 2:20 (MSG) Christ's life showed me how, and enabled me to do it. I identified myself completely with him. Indeed, I have been crucified with Christ. My ego is no longer central. It is no longer important that I appear righteous before you or have your good opinion, and I am no longer driven to impress God. Christ lives in me. The life you see me living is not "mine," but it is lived by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

32. The crucifixion that you will face is to kill of the ego...
- a. Meaning you are free from the opinions of man.
  - b. You don't care what people think or say about you anymore.
  - c. You don't have to put on a pretense or an act that you have it all together and you don't need anybody in your life.
  - d. You no longer try to earn things from God based on your behavior or attitude, you simply receive whatever God has for you.
33. Are you still hanging on the cross?
34. Isn't it time you surrender to the hand of God and let Him bring resurrection power into your life so you can beginning living life to the fullest?
35. You are crucified with Christ, but the good news it only lasts for a season.
36. Allow Him to come into your heart / life with a brand new start!

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