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*Thus, **the bearing of the cross** is nothing else but a declaration that in this universe the death of the cross is accomplished by Christ. When the Word of God through the Holy Spirit reveals **the cross** to us, we receive it by faith, thereby applying the death of the cross to us and not departing from it. This is called the bearing of the cross. In other words, to bear the cross means to bear the death of Christ on us and allow the death of Christ to work on us continually in order to **put our self** to death.*

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Scripture Reading

Matt 16:24-26 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to **save his soul-life** shall lose it; but whoever **loses his soul-life** for My sake shall find it. For what shall a man be profited if he gains the whole world, but **forfeits his soul-life**? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul-life?

Luke 9:25 For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world but loses or **forfeits himself**?

The soul is "neutral" (1 Thes. 5:23). But the minute it becomes independent, it becomes the "self" (Gen. 3). This self is the embodiment of Satan (Matt. 16:22-23). This self is the soul-life (Matt. 16:26; Luke 9:25)

Gal 2:20 I am **crucified** with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh **I live in faith**, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Hymn #1 (435)

1 Oh, the bitter shame and sorrow,
That a time could ever be,
When I let the Savior's pity
Plead in vain, and proudly
answered,
All of self, and none of Thee,
All of self and none of Thee.

2 Yet He found me; I beheld Him
Bleeding on the cursed tree;
Heard Him pray, Forgive them,
Father,
And my wistful heart said faintly,
Some of self, and some of Thee,
Some of self, and some of Thee.

3 Day by day His tender mercy,
Healing, helping, full and free,
Sweet and strong, and ah! so patient,
Brought me lower while I
whispered,
Less of self, and more of Thee,
Less of self, and more of Thee.

4 Higher than the highest heavens,
Deeper than the deepest sea,
Lord, Thy love at last hath
conquered;
Grant me now my heart's petition,
None of self, and all of Thee,
None of self, and all of Thee.

Hymn #2 (280)

1 Lord, may Thy blood now
cleanse me,
Wash all my sins away,
That with Thy Holy Spirit
Thou may anoint, I pray.
My service, I confess, Lord,
Is failure-full and weak;
The filling of Thy Spirit
To live for Thee I seek.

Oh, from myself deliver,
From all its misery;
I'd henceforth be forever
Completely filled with Thee.

2 Oh, Lord, how dry my heart is,
It yearns and pants for Thee;
The filling of Thy Spirit
Is now my fervent plea.
Within the smitten Rock, Lord,
I would entirely hide;
Pour thru Thy living water,
Till I am satisfied.

3 How cold my heart has been,
Lord,
How slow obeying Thee;
So fill me with Thy Spirit,
I'll ne'er rebellious be.
I lie upon Thy altar
And dare not move away;
Oh, may Thy flame descending
Consume my all, I pray.

4 Oh, may Thy Cross within me
Deepen its work and burn
In me enlarge Thy measure,
And me to ashes turn.
Oh, may Thy Spirit fill me
Each day more than before,
And may Thy living water
On me and thru me pour.