



**"No Cross,
No Crown"**

The Cross and Crown

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One of the most amazing passages of Scripture, to me, is Colossians 2:9: "For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form." While I believe it in my heart and trust it in my soul, it's hard for me to wrap my brain around it. When Jesus was in a human body, everything that is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit was there as well. This makes John 3:16 an even more amazing truth: God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son – and gave the fullness of himself – so that we don't have to die. And, not to belabor the point, but what do we make of Revelation 13:18, which describes Jesus as "the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world?" God chose



to create the world knowing that it meant that he would have to suffer, in body and in anguish of spirit, for a creation that largely despised and rejected him.

That's how vast God's love is!

God's love is not just our salvation; it is our calling. We are called to love a world that ridicules us, misunderstands

us, and even despises us – and we're called to lay down our lives for it. In some cases, the call to lay down our lives is literal, but, in all cases, it is a call to set aside our desires and comfort so that others might be saved. You see, Jesus didn't just lay down his life when he died on the cross. He laid it down every time he ministered to crowds of people, late into the night, as they brought him their sick. He laid it down during the hours he spent investing in the Twelve, training them to be fishers of men and all those times he dined with tax collectors and sinners, showing them the Father's love and the path to heaven.

Love like Jesus' doesn't come from our human nature. It only comes as we allow God to form his nature in us. Let us pray, humbly and daily, that God would so fill us with love for his people that we will voluntarily lay down our lives for them.

*As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.
Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

(John 15:9,13)

Thanks for Praying!

We are so grateful for all that God is doing among us in response to your prayers! Thank you for committing to pray with us for

- laborers with a burden for our mission field,
- the wisdom and ability to train the next generation of leaders,
- many among us who are suffering or have family members who are struggling with physical ailments, and
- financial provision to sustain our ministries.







Graduation Day at Spring Garden Academy!

We're praying with you!

If you're on our mailing list*, you're on our prayer list! If there's anything specific that we can join you in praying about, please let us know.

We love hearing from you! Please do keep in touch!

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Did you know?

Switzerland has laws against owning only one guinea pig or parrot. Guinea pigs and parrots are very social animals, and the Swiss consider it a form of abuse to keep them separate from others of their kind.

“For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.”

(1 John 3:11)



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