

EVIDENCE OF TRUE CHRISTIANITY

What marks of Christ's ownership do you bear?

Galatians 6:14-17

Galatians has been called the "Magna Charta of Christian Liberty",

As he ends this letter defending the grace of God,

Paul said, ***"For I bear on my body the scars that show I belong to Jesus."***

That is an interesting thing to say at the conclusion of a letter on Grace!

If we are to be a true witness of Jesus Christ, living a life of discipleship -

If Jesus will receive Glory from our lives -

There are some essential scars [*marks*] the world must be able to see in our life.

I. OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST OUR MASTER

There is no doubt in Paul's mind that the scars he bears signify that he is owned by Jesus Christ.

Consistently Paul describes himself as a "bondslave of Jesus Christ".

2 Corinthians 11:23-28

Listen Carefully;

Jesus cannot be Savior without being Lord!

Jesus is either **master of all** or he is **not master at all!**

Justification is by **faith alone** but not by **faith that is alone!**

John 14:15 Amplified

II. SACRIFICE TO CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

He gave his very life to redeem us & he expects nothing less from us.

Matthew 16:24

That's not works, it's just honest working faith w/o which we are "dead"

James 2:17

There is no mistaking Jesus' words.

Matthew 16:25

When Christ calls a person to salvation, that person responds by sacrificing themselves to Him!

III. LOVE THROUGH CHRIST OUR PROTECTOR

Jesus said:

John 13:35

Love cannot be divorced from Christian obedience or sacrifice.

We are called to love those who don't necessarily love us back.

That demands sacrifice on our part.

Love is risky...

In choosing to love we sometimes get hurt,

but in living with hatred we will always get hurt.

He won't call us to do anything we can't handle through Him.

He provides the power!

We have no excuse not to utilize it.

Conclusion:

Is there enough evidence to convict you of being a true disciple of Jesus Christ?

Do you bear the essential scars [*marks*] of:

OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST OUR MASTER

SACRIFICE TO CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

LOVE THROUGH CHRIST OUR PROTECTOR

Here is an essential question we each must ask ourselves.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO SHOW FOR MY RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST?