

Bearing the Cross in Church Relationships

Matt. 16:24

Introduction - Sometimes the cross we bear is our brother or sister in Christ.

I. Paul's Cross Within The Church

1. Attacked his _____ . Acts 9:26

2. Attacked his _____ . Acts 14:27-28; 15:1

3. Attacked his _____ . I Cor. 3:1; 10:10

4. Attacked his _____ . Acts 21:17-26

5. Attacked his _____ Gal. 1:6; 20; 4:12-16

6. Attacked his _____ Phil. 1:12-17

• Paul was truly undeserving of these attacks _____

II. How To Bear The Cross

(or How to Love The Church Successfully)

A. Paul was not _____ by the _____ of others. Rom. 12:17-21
Vs. 17 _____

Vs. 18 _____

Vs. 19 _____

Vs. 20 _____

Vs. 21 _____

B. Paul was always _____ God. Phil. 4:4-7.

- Reviewing an offense only creates more resentment.

C. Paul was not _____ II Tim. 4:5-8.

- Cross bearing forces you to lose your _____.
- God is glorified through _____, not by _____.

III. Summary:

- There is cross bearing on the outside as well as on the inside of the church.

- Phil. 1:21 _____

IV. Encouragement:

- There will always be offenses within the church, when it happens remember:

– Overcome _____

– Invest _____

– Resist _____

- The _____ we receive will be worth the _____ we bear.

- Sometimes we _____.

- Jesus bore the cross for us, are we willing to bear the cross for Him?

– Forgiveness _____

– Help _____

– Courage _____

***Will you pick up your cross today?**