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The following letter-form was brought about as a means of teaching my children the Word of God through the mail. And of course, quite naturally so, that's the reason I begin these letters with "Dear Children" and end them with "Love Dad". So for the rest of you who participate in these weekly messages, please keep their original intended purpose in mind.

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Dear Children,

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2013, Walt Mills preached a sermon at Jimmy Swaggart's Family Worship Center during the Sunday night service. And it's only because of what he preached during that Sunday night service that we have this message of today: "**Jimmy Swaggart's Child Molestation, And Walt Mills' Unforgiveness!**"

Now to be perfectly honest with you, when I first saw the announcement that "Walt Mills" was going to be preaching at Jimmy Swaggart's ministry I didn't have the foggiest idea as to who he was... so I started doing a little research. And what I soon discovered was that Walt Mills wrote a few of the songs that I've heard Jimmy Swaggart and his singers perform since the early 1980s.

However, as I continued along in my fact-finding journey, I soon discovered the "darkness" that's a very real part of Walt Mills and his ministry:



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You see the preceding is a picture of that "darkness", and the following is what Walt Mills has to say about "it" on his ministry Web site (http://www.waltmillsministry.org):

From March 1959 when Walt entered full-time evangelistic work, he has continued to travel throughout the United States and foreign countries presenting the Good News. <u>Millions have seen his popular television</u> <u>program</u>, *Revival in the Land Today* <u>each week on the Trinity</u> <u>Broadcasting Network</u>...

"So, what's so bad about Walt Mills' popular television program?" you might ask. Well, as we said so succinctly in our sermonet "**Dead Liver-Less Frogs And The Word-Faith Movement**", the "Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN)" is taking millions of it's followers to Hell with the "Word Of Faith" doctrines that it promotes daily through it's so-called "Christian" programming. And, of course, seeing how Walt Mills brings millions of viewers into the "Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN)" to watch his "show", that makes him a very real part of the "Word Of Faith" deception that's taking place at TBN.

But if that's not bad enough already, I also found a "TBN" announcement for their 2009 "Praise-a-Thon" which was to include "Walt Mills" in the line up of "Word-Faith" preachers/singers that would give "TBN" the praise for a job well done in promoting the "Word-Faith" doctrines (http://www.tbn.org/announcements/tbn-s-spring-praise-athon-venue-to-include-florida-s-holy-land-experience):

Praise-a-Thon always brings out the best and brightest in Christian music and ministry, and this Spring's event is no exception. Those appearing at the Praisea-Thon via the HLE site and TBN's home studios will be Paul Crouch Sr. and Jan Crouch, Benny Hinn, Pastor Paula White, Pastor Steve Munsey, Rev. Dr. Jamal Harrison Bryant, Pastor Jentezen Franklin, Pastor Dwight Thompson, Bishop Clarence McClendon, Pastor Jesse Duplantis, Bishop Eddie Long, Pastor Larry Huch, Karen Wheaton, Judy Jacobs, Jason Crabb and the Crabb Family, John Hagee, Rod Parsley, Bishop John Francis, Dr. Oral Roberts, Dr. Mark Chironna, Vern Jackson, Mike Purkey, Steve Brock, Del Way, <u>Walt Mills</u>, the HLE Singers and Actors, and many more.

So what's wrong with this picture??? I mean, Walt Mills, a "Word-Faith" preacher, took center stage at Jimmy Swaggart's "Family Worship Center" in 2013 after Jimmy Swaggart had the following to say about the "Word-Faith Movement" back in 2002 (http://www.fmh-child.org/audio/How\_To\_Be\_Led\_By\_The\_Spirit.mp3):

"...the Church has drifted so far away from the Cross in the last several decades, mostly **because of this 'Word Of Faith' doctrine...** <u>a person who is not</u> <u>saved could not be saved believing in that stuff</u>... <u>if a Christian</u> <u>believes that stuff</u>... <u>that Christian</u> is going, in truth, <u>is going to start</u> <u>deteriorating spiritually</u>..."

But that's not all Jimmy Swaggart had to say about the demonic Word-Faith "doctrine"! He also mentioned the TBN Word-Faith female evangelist (Joyce Meyer) who so unabashedly proclaims the Word-Faith mantra that "Jesus did not pay the sin debt of the world while on His cross... He had to die spiritually in Hell while being tormented by Satan and his demonic minions". In fact the following is the actual audio of Joyce Meyer, the demonically inspired Word-Faith female evangelist, professing that "Jesus Died Spiritually" (http://www.fmh-child.org/audio/Joyce\_Meyer\_JDS.mp3):

"Do you know something? The minute that blood sacrifice was accepted, Jesus was the first human being that was ever born again. And it was sealed. I mean it happened when He was in Hell. Oh they were having the biggest party that has ever been had. They had my Jesus in the floor and they were standing on his back jumping up and down laughing and he had become sin. Don't you think that God was pacing wanting to put a stop to what was going on. All the hosts of hell were upon him, up on him, up on him. The angels are in agony, all the creation is groaning. All the hosts of hell was upon him, up on him, they got on him. They got him down in the floor and got on him and they were laughing and mocking, 'Hahahahaha, you trusted God and look where you ended up. You thought He would save you and get you off that cross – he didn't, hahaha.""



So, the fact is that the "Word Of Faith" doctrine – "Jesus Died Spiritually" – denies the power of the cross to overcome sin. And, of course, the reason they do this is because the "Word Of Faith" belief system is all about pleasing the "flesh" daily (enjoying everyday life) instead of crucifying the desires of the "flesh" daily on the cross that Jesus instructed the Believer to take up.

"And he [Jesus] said to *them* all, <u>If any man will come after me, let him</u> <u>deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me</u>. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it." (Luke 9:23-24 KJV)

And with all that in mind, the very logical question remains: "Why did Jimmy Swaggart invite <u>Walt Mills</u> – <u>the Word-Faith evangelist</u> – to preach the Sunday night service at his Family Worship Center?"

Well, it was only after having seen Walt Mills on stage, in action, that I was reminded of yet another pastor by the name of Fred Stephens who's mannerisms and hairdo were much the same as his.

You see it was during the early part of 2001 that the Lord sent me to "Christ Living Word Ministries" to minister to the minister – Pastor Stephens. Without a doubt, Fred Stephens was a very anointed pastor who ministered in the Spirit. However, the single most important thing that the Lord instructed me to minister to him about was his "unforgiveness" towards the evangelist Jimmy Swaggart. Because Pastor Stephens, in a very redneck sort of way, hated the ground that Jimmy Swaggart walked on... and wasn't about to forgive him for his adulterous fornication with the prostitutes.

Pastor Stephens had "unforgiveness" in his heart for Jimmy Swaggart. And, as it turned out, there was nothing I could say or do to change it! (See "<u>Pastor Stephens And The</u> <u>Rejected Word From God</u>!" for the full story.)

So, with all that in mind, we're now ready to proceed with this sermonet on Walt Mills. Because, you see, the title of the message that he preached during that Sunday night service at Family Worship Center was none other than "**The Prison Of Refusing To Forgive Others!**" And the following Scripture was his text:

#### "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. <u>But if ye do not forgive</u>, <u>neither will your Father which is</u> <u>in heaven forgive your trespasses</u>." (Mark 11:25-26 KJV)

"Unforgiveness!" What a powerful topic for Walt Mills to have been preaching on at Jimmy Swaggart's ministry! I mean, after all, there are still multitudes of those like Fred Stephens who refuse to forgive Jimmy Swaggart for his hypocritical ways with the prostitutes that severely damaged the reputation of true Christianity. In fact the following present-day definition of the words "Jimmy Swaggart" is what you'll find at "urbandictionary.com":

**Jimmy Swaggart** - Another perfect example of why Christians are largely considered hypocritical by mainstream society. A long-time TV-evangelist who's protested against such things as homosexuality, heavy metal music, etc; apparently out of dedication to Christ. In reality, he's been nothing but a money-seeking, power-hungry and extremely self-righteous hypocrite whose main focus is the media, not Christ. He preaches with a fanatical, bible-bashing "repent ye wretched sinners" attitude, but his public humiliation started when he was (repeatedly) caught in hotel rooms with prostitutes, allegedly explaining he was "just counselling whores and conducting 'research'". <u>In other words, he's a pathetic excuse for a human being whose contribution to Christianity was worsening the church's already bad reputation</u>. Thanks a lot, f###ker.

So, without a doubt, the Christian world of today is full of "Fred Stephens"... and therefore the need for a "forgiveness" sermon such as Walt Mills preached at Jimmy Swaggart's Family Worship Center during that Sunday night service.

However, with all that in mind, let's now take a look at what Walt Mills had to say in his message (http://www.fmh-child.org/audio/JSM\_WaltMills1.mp3):

#### "<u>I 'd like to</u> relate just, just be a little transparent with you tonight. What I'm about to say, I don't, I'm not trying to sound tough, I do expand under pressure, (laughter), and <u>I don't bring a knife to a gun fight</u>, (laughter)..."

Now talk about "transparent"! Walt Mills said that he was going to be exactly that... and he wasn't kidding!!!

Do you remember me saying something to the effect that Walt Mills reminded me of Fred Stephens because of his redneck ways? Well this was what I was talking about. I mean, I was raised in South Carolina – redneck country – but never heard a redneck joke about going to a gunfight with a knife. In fact I never even heard a redneck crack a joke about something so deadly as a gunfight. But yet Walt Mills, a visiting evangelist, uttered such foolish talk in the Name of Jesus and then laughed as though it were funny!

So, that was the beginning of Walt Mills' personal testimony concerning his "unforgiveness" towards the man who "wronged" his son... but it only went downhill from there! I mean, as you're about to witness, this redneck "get even" spirit in Walt Mills continued to manifest itself in a powerful way for the whole wide world to see. Because these are the words that came out of his mouth shortly thereafter (http://www.fmh-child.org/audio/JSM\_WaltMills2.mp3):

"But <u>this individual</u>, because of what he did to my son, our son that's in heaven, because of what he did to our son, <u>I wanted to kill him</u>. I don't mean phrase of speech. If I could have done what I wanted to do, I'm not one to call you and threaten you, I just come and I show up and we get it done. (Laughter.) And if I'd had my way, **if I'd had my way I'd of just showed up at his front door**, <u>took a shotgun and blew his heart out of him</u>. It was that severe in my heart because of what he did to my son. Now <u>don't mess with</u> <u>my family</u>. <u>because somebody's going to get hurt</u>! Don't mess with my family! And here was this individual, because of what he did to my, our son, and I said on national television, I said <u>I wanted him dead</u>, and <u>I</u> <u>wanted to do it to him</u>. Brother Swaggart says, (laughter), he says sometimes I've seen people that you'd like for them to just meet up with an eighteen-wheeler. And I thought, <u>I'd want be the one driving</u> <u>the eighteen-wheeler</u>. (Laughter.)"

So, years ago Walt Mills wanted to "blow a man's heart out of his chest" with a shotgun... but "thank God" that he didn't do it! And even though Walt Mills got delivered from this "murderous spirit" that wanted to "get even" with the man that had "wronged" his son, he has by no means been delivered from that "murderous spirit" that still, to this day, openly threatens anyone who "messes with his family":

## "Now <u>don't mess with my family</u>, <u>because somebody's going to get</u> <u>hurt</u>! Don't mess with my family!"

In fact Walt Mills even joked about the eighteen-wheelers that he and Jimmy Swaggart would like to use in taking out a few of the undesirable people in their lives... and Walt Mills wants to be the one driving:

"Brother Swaggart says, (laughter), he says sometimes I've seen people that you'd like for them to just meet up with an eighteen-

## wheeler. And I thought, <u>I'd want be the one driving the eighteen-</u> wheeler. (Laughter.)"

Regardless of what Walt Mills might think, the "spirit of murder" is **NOT** a joking matter. I mean, the "spirit of murder" is **NOT** the spirit of someone who claims to have been made a new creature in Christ:

### "Therefore <u>if any man be in Christ</u>, <u>he is a new creature</u>: <u>old things</u> <u>are passed away</u>; <u>behold</u>, <u>all things are become new</u>." (2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV)

In fact it's this same "spirit of murder" that will take many so-called "Christians" straight on into the burning flames of Hell:

"Idolatry, witchcraft, **<u>hatred</u>**, variance, emulations, <u>**wrath**</u>, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, <u>**murders**</u>, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that <u>**they which do**</u> <u>**such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**" (Galatians 5:20-21 KJV)</u>

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and <u>murderers</u>, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, **shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**" (Revelation 21:8 KJV)

Walt Mills is still in "**The Prison Of Refusing To Forgive Others!**" And as we are about to see, the "unforgiveness" is even premeditated before the offence has become a reality (http://www.fmh-child.org/video/JSM\_WaltMills1.wmv):

"Daughters, and I don't understand this, <u>I could take a bull whip and take</u> <u>the hide off a man that does this, take a daughter that he should be</u> <u>willing to die for and molest that child</u>. And I can tell you now that when that happens it messes that child up and even unto adulthood they still wrestle with it."

Now, as can be clearly seen in the preceding video, Walt Mills walked over to and spoke at Jimmy Swaggart the minute that he started giving his example of "fathers molesting their daughters". I mean, it was like a bird dog making a point on a covey of quail or a Geiger counter going off in the presence of radiation. As directed by the Holy Spirit, Walt Mills indirectly and unknowingly put the bust on Jimmy Swaggart's "secret sin". (See "Jimmy Swaggart The Real Child Abuser!", "Attorney Hunter Lundy Exposes Jimmy Swaggart's Pedophilic Tendencies!", and "Jimmy Swasggart And His Appetite For Children!" for more on Jimmy Swaggart's unmentionable sin.)

So, Walt Mills put the finger on "Jimmy Swaggart the child molester" and preceded to expound on how his very own "murderous" redneck "get even" spirit "<u>could take a</u> <u>bull whip and take the hide off a man that does this</u>".

Talk about "in your face"! Walt Mills told Jimmy Swaggart how the cow ate the cabbage concerning "child molestation", but yet Jimmy Swaggart showed no sign of conviction or

remorse. So how did he do it? How did Jimmy Swaggart remain so unemotional as the harsh reality of what was being spoken about him resonated in his head?

Well, the answer to that question can be found in our sermonet entitled "<u>Jimmy</u> <u>Swaggart's 'Left Behind' Rapture</u>!" Because the following 2012 quote from Jimmy Swaggart is what that particular message was really all about:

## "Who is going to go in the Rapture? Who will go? Those who are 'in Christ'... which even includes <u>those who are not living as they ought</u> <u>to live</u>."

Amazing, wouldn't you say? Jimmy Swaggart has done away with <u>God's "Rapture</u> <u>requirements" of holiness: "without spot or wrinkle – holy without</u> <u>blemish</u>". According to Jimmy Swaggart, sinners like him can now be a part of God's catching away (The Rapture). But then again, that's really nothing new! I mean Jimmy Swaggart gave birth to this "doctrine of demons" back in 1997 when he got his new revelation on "The Message Of The Cross" after having fallen with the prostitutes and given up on his faith in "walking in the Spirit". In fact the following "Jimmy Swaggart" definition of "in Christ" were taken from "page 172" of his "Jimmy Swaggart Bible Commentary" on Philippians (Copyright 2000):

"So, if Christ atoned for all sin by His Sacrificial Death, then <u>all sin is</u> <u>eradicated in my heart and life by virtue of my Faith in Him</u>. For <u>that's all that God requires</u>, that we have Faith in Christ and what He <u>did</u>, which anyone can do if they so desire (Jn. 3:16)...<u>As I stay in</u> <u>Christ</u>, which I do <u>by my constant Faith</u>, even on a daily basis, <u>in His</u> <u>Finished Work</u>, I automatically keep the moral Law, <u>simply because</u> <u>Christ has already done this great and glorious thing</u>."

Jimmy Swaggart showed no sign of conviction or remorse as the visiting evangelist exposed his "moral sin"; because Jimmy Swaggart has fabricated a belief system that forgives his "child molesting spirit" each and every time he commits the "child molesting sin". "**Faith in Christ and what He did**" continually washes away Jimmy Swaggart's sin – past, present, and future!

So that's Jimmy Swaggart's defense mechanism against the need to repent of his "child molesting sins" as the visiting evangelist called down convicting fires from Heaven. But the Holy Spirit wasn't through just yet! Because it was towards the end of his message on "forgiveness" that Walt Mills gave yet another example of "child molestation" for Jimmy Swaggart and himself (http://www.fmh-child.org/video/JSM\_WaltMills2.wmv):

"I think of a woman right now, she's, I think probably getting close to sixty (60) years of age, I guess. Her father molested her – a church attender. Everybody in that church thought he was the sweetest man on earth, and he was doing that to his daughter when the lights went out at night. She's probably getting close to sixty (60) and still sleeps with the light on. But I've dealt with her, and my wife's dealt with her. We've said, "You've got to forgive what your father did to you." As I said, it can cut deep. It's messed her life, with her life. And as I said in the message, I don't understand a man doing that. I don't. I look at my grandbabies and I thought anybody, if anybody were to try that with one of them, just

# <u>God have pity on them, because I probably won't</u>. And that hurt can run deep, **but <u>vou've</u> got to forgive**."

Now what better example of "righteous" Jimmy Swaggart (?) than this church attending "child molester" in Walt Mills' last example: "**Everybody in that church thought he was the sweetest man on earth**"! I mean, after all, Walt Mills was preaching in such a man's church that was/is very capable of molesting his grandbabies. You know, the same grandbabies that Walt Mills has premeditated an "unforgiving" redneck revenge for if someone/anyone ever molests them!

Well, as the Lord would have it, this last "child molesting" example finally brought forth an emotional response from Jimmy Swaggart that exposed his true deception. Because it was immediately following Walt Mills' ending words – "<u>but you've got to forgive</u>" – that Jimmy Swaggart broke his silence in accepting this seemingly "unconditional" forgiveness that he has so erroneously created: "<u>That's it. Yes, yes</u>."

Jimmy Swaggart's perverted "Message Of The Cross" has in no way saved him from his "child molesting sins". And likewise, Walt Mills' Word-Faith doctrines have in no way delivered him from his unforgiving "murderous spirit".

What an interesting way in which God Almighty has worked out this message through Walt Mills' sermon on forgiveness. In fact the following Scripture is what the Lord gave me when preparing for this sermonet:

"For if I make you sorry, who is he then that maketh me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me? <u>And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I</u> <u>came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice</u>; having confidence in you all, that my joy is *the joy* of you all." (2 Corinthians 2:2-3 KJV)

So just what do you think it all means? I mean, how does this Scripture fit in with God Almighty sending Walt Mills to preach a sermon at Jimmy Swaggart's ministry that would put the bust on Jimmy Swaggart the child molester?

Well, the letter Brother Paul wrote to the church of Corinth (2 Corinthians) was the follow up to his first letter to the church of Corinth (1 Corinthians). And this is the problem that he was addressing concerning his "sorrow":

"It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, *concerning* him that hath so done this deed, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, <u>To deliver such an one unto</u> <u>Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in</u> the day of the Lord Jesus." (1 Corinthians 5:1-5 KJV)

You see the problem that Brother Paul was addressing was very similar to the one that Walt Mills was addressing when he unknowingly preached his "child molestation" message to Jimmy Swaggart. There was horrendous sin in the church of Corinth and nobody was doing anything about it. The "sinner" was being treated like a "Saint"... that is until Brother Paul ordered them to kick him out of the church and treat him like the devil that he was.

So what do you think would happen if the Jimmy Swaggart Ministries, and Family Worship Center, kicked Jimmy Swaggart out until he truly repented of his pornographic/child-molesting sins and took the Holy Spirit directed steps to overcome his pornographic/child-molesting sins by the Blood of the Lamb?

Jimmy Swaggart has built up a false hope of being a part of "The Rapture" while yet continuing in his sins:

# "Who is going to go in the Rapture? Who will go? Those who are 'in Christ'... which even includes <u>those who are not living as they ought</u> <u>to live</u>."

Jimmy Swaggart's stubbornness far exceeds that of the most rebellious wild jackass, which even includes the erring "fornicating brother" who took his father's wife. But yet God in His loving mercy continues to send prophets his way to speak His Truth that will save his life if only obeyed. And it's likewise in the following Words of Brother Paul that I hear Jesus speak concerning Jimmy Swaggart:

## "And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice;"

You see "The Rapture" of God's True Church is just around the corner. And the "joy of the Lord" will be truly realized in that moment of time when Jesus meets his resurrected Saints in the air. But, of course, there will be much "sorrow of the Lord" for all those "sinning saints" who don't make it.

For over eleven (11) years we have been writing Truth about Jimmy Swaggart and the error of his ways in hope of bringing Light into his darkness. However, as can be seen in the following video clip of Walt Mills and Frances Swaggart, the gratitude we receive from Frances Swaggart is only the prayers of her curses: http://www.fmh-child.org/video/JSM\_WaltMills-FrancesSwaggart.wmv.

In 1984 Chick Publications published a tract entitled "Lisa". It was all about a man who was all bound up in pornography and child abuse until he accepted Jesus the Christ as his Lord and Saviour. It's still not too late for Jimmy Swaggart! (The Lisa tract is no longer in print, but you can read it at http://www.fmh-child.org/Lisa.html.)

It's amazing how the Lord God Almighty can use sinners to call out the sins of other sinners. In fact, for your listening enjoyment, here's the full, unedited version of Walt Mills' message on "**The Prison Of Refusing To Forgive Others!**": http://www.fmh-child.org/audio/JSM\_WaltMills.mp3.

So there you have it: "Jimmy Swaggart's Child Molestation, And Walt Mill's <u>Unforgiveness!</u>" But before we shut this one down, I really need to share with you the following quote from Walt Mills that can be found on his ministry Web site:

## "<u>Are you in need of prayer</u>? If you need prayer and would like for us to send you <u>an anointed prayer cloth</u>, we will be glad to send you one free. Email or call us, specifying if you need a prayer cloth <u>for</u> <u>salvation</u>, <u>healing</u>, or <u>finances</u>."

What you have just read is one-more mighty-fine example of the hocus-pocus, name-itand-claim-it witchcraft that takes place in the "Word-Faith Movement". I mean, nowhere in God's Holy Word will you find prayer clothes for "salvation" or "finances". However, what you will find is the anointing of a man of God, Brother Paul, being transferred to cloth for later use in chasing off the evil spirits from the tormented and diseased individuals:

## "And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them." (Acts 19:11-12 KJV)

Jimmy Swaggart's reasons for inviting Walt Mills to perform at Family Worship Center were other than for the glory of God. But yet God turned it around for His glory. GOD is ALMIGHTY! So with a broken and contrite spirit, "keep on keeping the faith in Jesus!!!"

Love,

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**PS**: Would you believe that Jimmy Swaggart is now offering Walt Mills' performance at Family Worship Center for a "donation" of \$100? Is there no shame with this man???



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#### JIMMY SWAGGART BIBLE COMMENTARY

God, the sinner is automatically placed "in Christ." That's what Paul meant by stating that all Believers were "baptized into His death" (Rom. 6:3). No, Paul is not speaking here of Water Baptism, but rather the Crucifixion of Christ, as well as His Resurrection. In fact, all Believers are "in Christ," which is, in effect, the key word of all of this (Rom. 8:1), which also includes His Burial and Resurrection (Rom. 6:3-5).

#### IN CHRIST

The "in Christ" principle is, in effect, the principle of all Salvation and all Victory as it regards our victorious, overcoming, Christian experience. In other words, everything that Jesus did at the Cross and the Resurrection becomes ours, because, in effect, and as stated, He did all of this strictly for us and none at all for Himself.

So, if Christ atoned for all sin by His Sacrificial Death, then all sin is eradicated in my heart and life by virtue of my Faith in Him. For that's all that God requires, that we have Faith in Christ and what He did, which anyone can do if they so desire (Jn. 3:16).

This means that I was "in Him" also when He was buried, which means all of my old past with all of its sin and failure is buried as well. It also means, that when He was raised from the dead, I also was raised from the dead "in Him" in "newness of life" (Rom. 6:4-5). Wonder of wonders it also means that even as Christ has now been Exalted, and is seated by the Right Hand of the Father in Heaven, that by Faith I am actually seated there with Him also (Eph. 2:6). So, when one speaks of the Finished Work of Christ, one is actually speaking of the Cross, the Resurrection, and the Exaltation.

Inasmuch as Jesus kept all the Law, and even suffered its penalty on our behalf, my being "in Him," now makes me a "Law-keeper" instead of a Lawbreaker, which I had been. As I remain in Him, continuing to trust in what He did at the Cross and the Resurrection, not allowing my Faith to leave this "Finished Work," I am guaranteed the Help of the Holy Spirit, Who guarantees to and for me, all the benefits of the Atonement (Rom, 8:1-2).

So, I'm not a "Law-keeper" by actually doing such myself, which I could not do anyway, but because I am "in Christ," consequently, having Faith in what He has already done. The idea is, that He did it for me, which is the only way it could be done, and my Faith in Him as it regards His Sacrifice, makes me a Law-keeper also. In other words, due to Faith in Christ and what He did at the Cross, God imputes to me the Righteousness of Christ, which I never could have attained on my own.

As I stay in Christ, which I do by my constant Faith, even on a daily basis, in His Finished Work, I automatically keep the moral Law, simply because Christ has already done this great and glorious thing. However, the moment that I set about to try to do it myself, through rules and regulations, etc., in effect. I take myself out of Christ, which then brings on failure. The secret is remaining *"in Christ"* with my Faith, which, in effect, speaks of taking up the Cross daily and following Jesus (Lk. 9:23).

#### TAKING UP THE CROSS DAILY

As we've already stated several times in our commentarial notes, most Christians presently have a total misconception as to what Jesus was speaking about when He demanded that His followers "deny ourselves, and take up our Cross daily, and follow Him" (Lk. 9:23).

They think that the denial of self means suffering, and of course, most Christians shy away from that.

That's not what it means at all! To "deny ourselves" simply means that we do not trust ourselves or put faith and confidence in our own ability to live this Christian life. That's all that it means. We are to deny self in the sense of attempting to do this which no one has ever been able to do, and which only Christ has done, and only through Him can it be done. Self must be hidden in Christ, and in fact, must remain in Christ.

Also, the taking up of the Cross refers to trusting and believing in what Jesus did at the Cross on our behalf. We are to forever trust in that, forever believe that, forever understand that all of our victory in totality is always in the Cross and never in us.

That's all that He means by "taking up the Cross" and not suffering on the part of a Saint, as most have been led to believe.

#### "ALL FOR THE LOVE OF JESUS"