

THE THIRD PHASE OF THE CROSS

CHRIST CRUCIFIED IN US or BROKENNESS

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We know that when we are born again, our sins are forgiven (Cross Phase 1) and we receive the Holy Spirit and understand that our old nature is dead to sin (Cross Phase 2).

What does God expect from us after that?

Many of us now, do not have a big problem with sin.

We are no longer slaves of sin.

BUT ----- is that all there is to think about? Just continue and God will be pleased?

What about this verse? Just what does it mean?

John 12:24 ISV Truly, truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and **dies**, it remains **alone**. But if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Juan 12:24 MB Sultihan ko kamo; ang usa ka lugas trigo magpabibilin nga usa ra gayod [so much] ka lugas [grain] gawas [wheat] kon kini ipugas sa yuta ug mamatay. Kon kini mamatay, mamunga kinig daghan.

Crucified with Christ and the grain of wheat dying have the same meaning.

It means that WE must die, as Christ died.

But what this verse is speaking about is our self-life must die. Ako, me - I must die in order to bear much fruit.

The Lord Jesus cannot live in us fully; and reveal Himself through us until the proud self within us is broken.

The part in us that **wants its own way, stands up for its rights, and seeks its own glory.**

It is self who **gets irritable, jealous, critical of others and jealous.**

It is self who is shy and self-conscious. Afraid to speak truth to men.

Afraid of what they will say about us.

Ashamed to speak boldly when necessary.

It is self that is hard and unchanging in its attitudes to others. It is unkind to others.

As long as self is in control, God can do little with us, for with all the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5, God desires to fill us.

They are the opposite of self → the hard, unbroken part within us.

Being broken is both God's work and ours. He brings His pressure on us, but we have to make the choice to agree with Him.

God will show us the way we have this pride, this hard self which causes Him pain.

We can refuse to repent or we can say, Yes, Lord.

All of this brokenness hurts. It will cost us something → we have to give up something - **ourselves!!**

The willingness of Jesus to be broken for us is the big reason for our being broken also.

We see him - willing to have no rights, no home of His own, no possessions of His own, willing to let men insult Him and not insult them back, not defend Himself.

This Psalm is about Jesus:

Psalm 22:6 But I am a worm and not a man, A reproach of men and despised by the people.

A snake versus a worm (the worm offers no resistance, does not fight back) -this was Jesus.

Now He calls us to be worms also! The **Sermon on the Mount** talking about love for our enemies and selfless giving, shows that this must be our attitude and our life.

This dying to self is not finished at one time. It is not like the other Phases of the Cross.

It must continue every day of our lives. Take up your Cross **daily.**

It must be a constant dying to self.

It means no plans or our own, no time, no money, no pleasure of our own.

It means submitting to those around us all the time!!!

Eph 5:21 NKJV **submitting to one another** in the fear of God.

This means that when we are giving up our selves for others

→ we are also giving up ourselves to God.

→ They are measured in the same way.

Every time someone causes us be irritated → or upset → or insults us.

It is from God → it is God's way of breaking us

so that there is a deeper channel of God in us for the Life of Christ.

we can hold more of Jesus!!!!!!!!!!

Everything that happens to us is planned by God to cause us to break completely and allow the Holy Spirit to use us and flow out of us.

Here is a writing which will help to understand how God works in our lives.

THIS THING IS FROM ME (this can be found on the Internet)

“This thing is from me.” by Laura A. Barter Snow

1 Kings 12:24 (NKJV) *'Thus says the Lord: "You shall not go up nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel. Let every man return to his house, for this thing is from Me." ' ' Therefore they obeyed the word of the Lord, and turned back, according to the word of the Lord.*

My child, I have a message for you today; let me whisper it in your ear, that it may cover with glory any storm clouds which may arise, and smooth the rough places upon which you may have to walk. It is short, only five words, but let them sink into your inner soul; use them as a pillow upon which to rest your tired head. This thing is from me.

Have you ever thought of it, that all that concerns you concerns Me too? For, “he that touches you, touches the apple of mine eye.” (Zech. 2:8) You are very precious in My sight. (Isaiah 43:4) Therefore, it is My special delight to educate you.

I want you to learn when temptations come to you, and the “enemy comes in like a flood,” that this thing is from Me, that your weakness needs My might, and your safety lies in allowing Me fight for you.

Are you in difficult circumstances, surrounded by people who do not understand you, who never consult what you want, who put you in the background? This thing is from Me. I am the God of circumstances. You came not to this place by accident, it is the very place God meant for you.

Have you not asked to be made humble? See then, I have placed you in the very school where this lesson is taught; your surroundings and companions are only working out My will.

Are you in money difficulties? Is it hard to have money for everything? This thing is from Me, for I am your purse-bearer and would have you draw from and depend upon Me. My supplies are limitless. (Phil. 4:19) I want you to prove my promises. Let it not be said of you, “In this thing you did not believe the Lord your God” (Deut. 1:32).

Are you passing through a time of grief? This thing is from Me. I am the Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief. I have let earthly comforters fail you, that by turning to Me you may obtain everlasting consolation. (2 Thess. 2:16,17)

Have you wanted to do some great work for Me and instead have been laid aside on a bed of pain and weakness? This thing is from Me. I could not get your attention in your busy days and I want to teach you some of my deepest lessons. “They also serve who only stand and wait.” Some of My greatest workers are those shut out from active service, that they may learn to use the weapon of all-prayer.

This day I place in your hand this pot of holy oil. Make use of it free, my child. Let every circumstance that arises, every word that pains you, every interruption that would make you

impatient, every revelation of your weakness be anointed with it. The hurt will go as you learn to see Me in all things.

THE END

Everything that happens to us is planned by God to cause us to break completely and allow the Holy Spirit to use us and flow out of us.

The only life that pleases God and that can be victorious is His life → never our life no matter how hard we try!

Our self centered life has to go if we want to serve Him.

It must be His life flowing through me.

So what must die?

The grain of wheat must die. Jesus was speaking about himself

He had to die that He would bear much fruit → through US!!!

If He had gone back to heaven without dying, He would be there today **alone** - without us.

John 12:24 ISV Truly, truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and **dies**, it remains **alone**. But if it dies, it produces much fruit.

But He died on the Cross - and that death is still bearing fruit today!! He is not alone, He has a Body here on earth – and it is us!

We are called to follow Christ. We are called to die.

Look at some grains of corn or rice. They look dead and they are very hard..

I heard a story about some corn that was found and was thought to be hundreds of years old.

It looked old and were very hard. So they tried planting some of the grains. And they grew.

They had life in them, but the life could not get out → until the grain of corn died.

What happens if we just put them in a glass and keep them on the table?

Will they grow?

Jesus had to die in order for us to live. All of us. All of the Christians for thousands of years live because Jesus Christ died on the Cross for them.

He, as the grain of wheat or corn, died and He continues to bear fruit today.

Look at an ear of corn. It grows from one grain of corn. There were probably more ears than one also. Look how many grains of corn are on one ear.

But the grain of corn fell into the ground, it was soaked with the rain in the ground, it began to enlarge and it burst open and die. Then the life in this corn began to grow.

And then we never saw the hard shell of the corn again, we only saw the life that was inside growing up and producing fruit or more corn.

Jesus Christ had to die so that He could send the Holy Spirit to live His life IN US.

What must die in us? The self-life in us must die.

That part of us that is more interested in us or our families than anyone else

Our self interest self strength self government

Listen to what Paul prayed:

Eph 3:16 NASB that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be **strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man** (*the spirit where Christ lives*)

Our spirit needs to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

But often our spirit seems to be **wrapped in a hard covering so that it cannot easily break through.** **The self in us is very strong.**

But the self-life in us must die so that God's Spirit flow out from us.

This will bring blessing to us and to others.

John 12:25 NASB "He who loves his **life** loses it, and he who hates his **life** in this world will keep it to **life eternal**."

This is a very interesting verse especially if you look at the Greek words.

It says that He who loves his **life** - that word life in Greek is '**psuche**'

→ and it refers to the **self-life** - meaning its feelings, affections, and desires.

The second word **life** means the same thing - he who hates his **self-life**

But the last word **life** connected with eternal is a different word '**Zoe**'

→ and means our spiritual life - the eternal life part of us.

So in order to have this zoe in us, and this eternal life flowing out of us, our self-life must die.

Our spirit – the Greek word is '**pneuma**' meaning breath- the breath of God but it does not use this word.

Jesus said:

[John 7:38](#) "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, **'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'**"

Some call it death, some call it brokenness. It really means the same thing. The seed dies, but it is also broken so that the new life can grow.

Each disciplinary act of the Holy Spirit is designed to break this outer life so that the spirit can flow out.

The part of us that we want to hide from others must be broken.

Our secrets, our inability to share our thoughts, share our problems, admit our mistakes

Brokenness is the way of blessing, the way of sweet fragrance, fruitfulness, but it is also a path sprinkled with blood. From many wounds and from times of suffering.

[\(Luke 9:23 NASB\)](#) And He was saying to *them* all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and **take up his cross daily and follow Me.**

When we offer ourselves to the Lord to be at His service, we cannot afford to be easy with ourselves. We must allow the Lord to crack our outward man, so that He may find a way for His working. Sometimes this hurts us - it hurts our **self-love**.

Whenever the Holy Spirit begins to work in our lives, we immediately get disturbed. We must realize that all the experiences, troubles, and trials which the Lord sends us are for our highest good. God allows them for our spiritual growth. Nothing can come into our lives that God has not allowed if we are submitted to Him.

Our daily trials are His best that He has for us.

Remember? **This thing is from Me.**

This breaking can take a short time or a long time. With some of us it may take 20 yrs!

Not good!

It is wasting God's time and ours.

We must say yes to God's discipline and correction.

We can preach with our minds, we can excite people's emotions.

But God will not be able to touch them and work in their lives.

This is the work of the cross in the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the anointing.

It causes death! It splits open our outward shell like the corn. It must break **our** opinions, **our** ways, **our** self-love, **our** all.

Moses knew God's ways! He understood the works of God in his life. The children of Israel knew His acts, but Moses knew more!

Psalms 103:7 (NKJV) He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.

Then His spirit can flow out of us through our spirits to others.

There will be a new fellowship with God and with others. **People will see God instead of us.**

This also causes us to be transparent. It is being open. Nothing hidden!

It is called "living in the light" – there is nothing in our lives hidden from the Lord or from others.

If you are not able to allow everyone to see you - the real you - you have not been broken.

If you don't want people to know how you feel, how you are sad, how you make mistakes, admit your mistakes → you are not broken.

Many think that the loud, forceful, strong preacher is the spiritual one! Not so.

It may be **only his emotions** that he is using and not his spirit at all.

God cannot work thru a strong man, only weak ones.

God cannot work thru a strong mind or a strong will.

Paul says when I am weak, then I am strong.

2Co 12:10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for **when I am weak, then I am strong.**

We are not well content with weakness and insults etc!!!!

We want to be strong, powerful preachers!! Then we will get the glory!!!

Why is it that some people have not been broken?

#1 While God is working, and destroying, they do not know it is God, and they stop Him.

They think that people are against them or hurting them.

Their place in life is too difficult

Circumstances are to blame

Other people are wrong, they are right

Instead they need to love God and thank Him for working in their lives.

Mat 5:10-12 NASB (10) "Blessed are those who have been **persecuted** for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **(11)** "Blessed are you when **people insult you and persecute you**, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. **(12)** "**Rejoice and be glad**, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Another reason many are not broken:

#2 They have great self-love.

They don't want to give themselves up – no surrender!

They like who they are and don't want to change

But Christ wants to live His life through us and if we are strong, He cannot do it.

Remember Jacob? - deceitful, lying, stubborn and his life was full of sorrows and grief.

But after wrestling with the angel of God he was a changed man - a new man - Israel!

Jacob was never the same again. No more deceiver. He was a broken man –useful to God.

Each of us has the nature of Jacob in us. God needs to wrestle with us!

We must be broken.

1Co 6:17 NASB But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*.

Our spirits and Gods Spirit are joined to work together

Like electric wire and electricity - our spirit is connected to God's spirit. He is the power.

If we are not broken, there may be crying on the inside but we cannot cry.

- Wanting to shout but have no words to shout.
- Wanting to help people but being unable to reach out.
- Being happy but unable to express real joy.

Everything is inside us wanting to get out, but can't because of the hard shell of self outside us.

Every humiliation, everyone who tests and annoys us, is God's way of breaking us, so that there is an even deeper channel for the life of Christ to flow through us.

When we are broken, we can easily live in the Spirit.

We can receive revelation from God. About many things.

Receive discernment about others and know what God knows about them.

**Ability to counsel with the mind of Christ. Gift of knowledge etc.
Evaluate what kind of person they are, what kind of Christian they are.**

Know what their need is. Then you can help them and counsel them.

Be bold to speak God's words to them.

Our spirit can touch the spirit of others and we can minister to them.

Sometimes we can know others for a long time and still not really know who they are. We are too self-centered.

Or they may not know who we are at all. It is because of our hard shell.

Spirit cannot touch spirit if we are not broken.

Our outer shell is so hard others cannot touch our inner person, our spirit.

With the breaking of the outward man, the spirit begins to flow and is ever open to others.

It becomes easy and natural.

We can be certain that we are in God's presence all the time. We no longer have to work to be in His presence. His Spirit is one with our spirit.

Our service to the Lord will be greatly effected

John 2:24 But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for **He knew all men**,

What if we could also know all men - knew who they really were. Know what their problems are and how to help them. God wants us to be able to minister to people as Jesus Christ did.

John 14:12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, **the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do**; because I go to the Father.

He will send the Holy Spirit to flow through all of us. Without blockage of self!!!

Know what our members needs are.

This does not happen because we are very wise or clever!

A shepherd must discern what the person's real need is before God.

When a person has a spiritual problem they usually don't know what it is.

We need to be able to know the need - from the Holy Spirit.

People need our help and we cannot give it if we are not broken!

We need spiritual understanding.

We will not only know the need, we will have the ability to meet their need.

Our spirit has been set free to be able to reach out to them and help them.

If we are trying to protect ourselves, we cannot help others.

Let me tell you - if there is something in your life that God has not worked through - a problem or a spiritual block - you will not be able to help others with that problem either.

We cannot help others to learn lessons which we ourselves have not learned before God.

The more we have allowed God to do in our lives, the more we will be able to help others.

If we still have pride, our own ways, our own happiness → we will not be useful to God.

If we are protecting self if we are shy if we are ashamed if we are afraid

If we are not **patient**, we cannot teach patience to others - in fact we will condemn them for not having patience.

If we want to be used by God in a very spiritual way, we must first die and be broken.

Lord, help me to die to those things in me first, so I can be useful to you in helping others.

I must allow God to work in me in ways I have never even thought, so that I may become a vessel that he can use.

We who are pastors have a great responsibility. God does not work directly in peoples lives.

He works thru man - through us.

Whether we are useable determines the equipping of the church for God's glory.

Our spirit is released according to the amount of our brokenness.

The one who has accepted the most discipline in the one who can best serve.

The more broken we is, the more sensitive we are - we can hear the Holy Spirit.

The more we have suffered, the more we have to give.

The more we desire to save ourselves from suffering , the less we will be spiritually useful to the Lord.

The way to fruitfulness is through death. Our own intelligence or emotions will not work.

When Jesus walked on the earth, His power and His work, were shown. Today He commits that work to His Church.

God gave His work to His Son, but today, the Son gives all His work to His Church.

John 6:38 NASB "For I have come down from heaven, **not to do My own will**, but the will of Him who sent Me.

John 5:19 NASB Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **the Son can do nothing of Himself**, unless *it is* something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

John 12:49 NASB "For I did not speak on **My own initiative**, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment *as to* what to say and what to speak.

Jesus was completely committed to His Father. God's thoughts were His thoughts. God's actions were His actions. God's wisdom was His wisdom. God's emotions were His emotions.

We must live the same way.

John 12:24 NASB "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.**

Christ died that He would bear much fruit. We are His fruit.

We too must die in order to bear fruit. **Much fruit.**

God's presence was in Jesus Christ when He walked on the earth.

Now God is in the Church. The Holy Spirit of Christ is in us.

Not in any other thing.

If He cannot use us there is no one else!!!

This is why it is important for us to know and understand that the Holy Spirit wants to use us but He cannot use us unless our outward, hard, stubborn shell is broken.

Is we are not broken, if we do not die to ourselves, the church cannot be a channel for God.

'Ragland', as he was called, was one of the first missionaries to India many years ago. He said.

T. G. Ragland said:

If we refuse to be corns of wheat—falling into the ground, and dying; if we will neither sacrifice our desires, nor risk our reputation, and property, and health; nor, when we are called, give up home, and break family ties, for Christ's sake; *then we shall abide alone.*

But if we wish to be fruitful, we must follow our Blessed Lord Himself, by becoming a corn of wheat, and dying, *then we shall bring forth much fruit.*

What do you own that you would not give up for Christ?

Whom do you love that you would not give them up to Christ?

What do you have in this world that you could not leave if He said leave?

What is important to you?

Your reputation?
 Your pride?
 Your own time?
 Your health?

Maybe our pride is in our preaching or in teaching.

I count all to be loss says Paul

Phi 3:3-11 NASB

- 3 for we are the *true* circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and **put no confidence in the flesh**,
- 4 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more:
- 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee;
- 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.
- 7 But whatever things were gain to me, **those things I have counted as loss** for the sake of Christ.
- 8 More than that, **I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,
- 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith,
- 10 **that I may know Him** and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;
- 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Paul gave up everything for Christ → → and think of the fruit of his life!!!

Mat 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "**If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.**

We must loose our own life if we want to live Jesus life.

We must be willing to die if we want to be fruitful.

We must be willing to die if we want to serve the Lord and minister to His people.

Faith is total dependence upon the Lord for everything. Trusting in Him, and understanding that we cannot trust ourselves.

Crucified with Christ means that we die!

We are dead to our own thinking.

We are dead to our own ideas

We are dead to our own plans

THIS IS A GOOD POEM:

NONE OF SELF

*Oh, the bitter pain and sorrow
That a time could ever be,
When I proudly said to Jesus,
"All of self, and none of Thee."*

*Yet He found me; I beheld Him
Bleeding on the accursed tree,
And my thoughtful heart said faintly,
"Some of self, and some of Thee."."*

*Day by day His tender mercy,
Healing, helping, full and free,
Brought me lower while I whispered,
"Less of self, and more of Thee."*

*Higher than the highest heaven,
Deeper than the deepest sea,
Lord, Thy love at last has conquered:
"None of self, and all of Thee."*

We don't want to die. It hurts to die.

But the rewards far exceed the price we pay. **"None of self, and all of Thee."**

Jesus said that eternal life is knowing Him & the Father.....

(John 17:3 NASB) "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Paul said that I might know Him.....

(Phil. 3:10 NASB) **that I may know Him** and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

Know Him intimately, completely, becoming like Him!!!

The price is great but the reward is greater.

Knowing Him

Serving Him

Giving everything for Him is a small price to pay.

{This came as a revelation (I believe) to our friend, Pat, who is one of the most spiritually mature persons we have ever known.}

THE SELF-LIFE

The character of God is to give Himself. We are created so God can give us Himself.

Because of sin we cannot receive from God. **We are turned in upon ourselves.**

Self has imprisoned us.

It is a powerful wonderful thing when God turns us away from self.

- Every friend we have turns us away from self.
- Everything God gives us to love turns us away from self.
- Marriage is a gift to give us someone to think about besides self.
- Our family also.

The self in us really does not want human relationship or fellowship.

Others can cause pain and **self avoids pain by going deeper into self.**

Self tries to hide in the darkness or behind walls of protection.

God looks at sin differently than we do, because His nature is to give Himself (in love).

Sin is more than doing something right or wrong:

→ **sin is building up self**

→ **denying a relationship with a person to protect and feed self**

(which is always hungry - never satisfied except for a short time).

Jesus, who has a giving personality, He suffered a "knowing of self" on the cross for us. So we would not have to protect our self, but can let self go, and give to others (in relationship and in fellowship.)

The self-life never really does what it promises to do. It will always disappoint us.

It is giving ourselves to others - a little like God gives Himself

and in this we find our true life.

He who loves his life will lose it, but He who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. John 12:25.

The next Phase after the Cross is the **Baptism in the Holy Spirit**.

(Luke 24:49 NASB) "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to **stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high**."

The disciples were not equipped to go out and do the ministry Jesus had called them to, until they had received the power from the Holy Spirit. Neither can we!!

(Act 1:8 NASB) **but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."**

Equipped with the work of the Cross and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, we will be able to do the work God has called us to. We will be able to live the victorious Christian life.

As we abide hidden in the Christ of Calvary, we are out of the enemy's reach and power. Through the Cross the risen life of Christ can envelop us, so that **His strength is perfected in weakness**.

Paul's experience:

2Co 12:9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for **power is perfected in weakness**." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

(Eph 6:10 NASB) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

God has provided everything we need. We receive His supply by faith. Surrender to Him and maintaining complete trust and faith in Him will keep us safe.

Jud 1:24 (KJV) Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

Jud 1:25 To the only wise God our Savior, *be* glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

PERSONAL MINISTRY AND COUNSELLING TOOL

Every pastor and shepherd of the people must have the ability to counsel the members. Knowledge of the Cross and the working of the Cross in our own lives will give us this ability.

Here are some suggestions for basic problems members sometimes have:

COUNSELING

UNBELIEVER: need knowledge of the Gospel (the unbelievers sin and the life, death & resurrection of Christ for them, to take away sin – what Jesus has done for us)

BELIEVER:

- ** **NOT SAVED:** PERSON SAYS HE IS SAVED OR HE HAS PRAYED AND ACCEPTED JESUS CHRIST AND THERE IS NO CHANGE IN HIS LIFE (he has no desire to change)
- **need is salvation, he is not saved!**
 - ** **SAVED BUT UNSURE OF SALVATION:** **need to know about eternal life – the power of the Cross (Jesus Christ did everything for us)**
 - ** **SIN OR VICES:** **need to know about the death of the sin nature (Rom 6)**
 - ** **GUILTY:** (CONSTANT AWARENESS OF SIN & WRONGS DONE, SELF-CONDEMNATION, NO PEACE) **need to know about the blood of Jesus for forgiveness of sins**
 - ** **NO CONFIDENCE OF ABILITY:** **need the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, need to know that the power or ability is from the Holy Spirit and He is in them – not their ability, but His ability (which is part of grace)**
 - ** **LITTLE FAITH:** **teach about believing, trusting, and using the Word of God – the promises of God are for all believers. Trust in God and His promises.**
 - ** **COMPLETE SURRENDER:** **giving their life to the Lord**
 - ** **LITTLE GROWTH:** **confess that he is worldly, and teach him about the Cross**
-