

FIFTY REASONS FOR THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST
A Sermon Series for Easter Week, Message 4
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INTRODUCTION:

PROPOSITION: This morning we shall consider the fourth ten of fifty reasons for the Passion of the Christ.

31. SO THAT WE WOULD DIE TO THE LAW AND BEAR FRUIT FOR GOD.

A. If there is root, there will be fruit!

B. Rom. 7:4.

32. TO ENABLE US TO LIVE FOR CHRIST AND NOT OURSELVES.

A. Christ died for us that we might live for Him.

B. 2 Cor. 5:15.

33. TO MAKE HIS CROSS THE GROUND FOR ALL OUR BOASTING.

A. Everything of which a Christian boasts should be a boasting of the cross.

B. . Gal. 6:14.

34. TO ENABLE US TO LIVE BY FAITH IN HIM.

A. In Christ the “old self” dies and a “new self” is created.

B. Gal. 2:20.

35. TO GIVE MARRIAGE ITS DEEPEST MEANING.

A. Marriage is a picture of how Christ loved the Church!

B. Eph. 5:25.

36. TO CREATE A PEOPLE PASSIONATE FOR GOOD WORKS.

A. Good works do produce salvation; salvation produces good works!

Titus 2:14.

37. TO CALL US TO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE OF LOWLINESS AND COSTLY LOVE.

A. Imitation is not salvation, but salvation brings imitation.

B. 1 Peter 2:19-21; Heb. 12:3, 4; Phil. 2:5-8.

38. TO CREATE A BAND OF CRUCIFIED FOLLOWERS.

A. Christ died to create comrades on the Calvary road.

B. Luke 9:23; Matt. 10:38.

39. TO FREE US FROM BONDAGE TO THE FEAR OF DEATH.

A. Jesus removes the power of Satan to deceive us and therefore takes from him the power of death!

B. Heb. 2:14, 15.

40. SO THAT WE WOULD BE WITH HIM IMMEDIATELY AFTER DEATH.

A. There is no “intermediary state”; for the Christian, “to be absent from the body (death) is to be present with the Lord (Heaven).”

B. 1 Thess. 5:10; Phil. 1:21, 23; 2 Cor. 5:8.

APPLICATION: What do these reasons for the Passion mean to you?

1. If there is no “fruit” in your life, there is no “root” in your life.

2. Sexual sin is a mockery of the cross of Christ.
3. Marriage is a picture of Christ and the Church.
4. In Christ there is no need to fear death.
5. Be a comrade of Christ on the Calvary Road.