
WORDS FROM THE CROSS

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Introduction

A. **Philippians 3:7-11**

B. In Christ is where true “righteousness” is to be found.

C. Paul declares three things about Jesus he wants to “know”

1. “The power of His resurrection.”
2. “Fellowship of His suffering,” and what it means to be...
3. “Conformed to His death.”

D. What do Jesus’ word from the cross teach us?

I. Compassion.

A. “Behold you mother” **John 19:25-2**. Even in death Jesus was *CARING*.

B. “Father, forgive them” **Luke 23:32-37**. Even in death Jesus was *MERCIFUL*.

II. Humanity. The nature of Christ was fully human and fully Divine.

A. “I thirst”. **John 19:28-29**. In death Jesus was *IN NEED*.

B. “Why have You forsaken Me?”. **Matthew 27:45-49**. In death Jesus was *ALONE*.

III. Spirituality.

A. “You will be with Me in Paradise.” **Luke 23:39-43**. In death Jesus was *CONFIDENT*.

B. “Into Your hands I commend My spirit.” **Luke 23:44-46**. In death Jesus was *TRUSTING*.

C. “It is finished.” **John 19:30**. In death Jesus was *TRIUMPHANT*.

1. Jesus death was not pleasant but it was the purpose of Jesus’ coming. **John 12:27**.

2. For Christians who have lived their lives faithful to God, death is also a triumph. **Revelation 14:13**.

Conclusion. Jesus is our example. We should imitate his example and His character.

Philippians 2:5-11.