

# The Plumbline

Scriptures to use for Searching your Soul

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Amo 7:7 Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall [made] by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

## How is it with your soul?

**G**oing *The Way of the Cross*" is a call upon everyone's life that knows Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. When we stray from our first Love, we must repent and return to walk in obedience to the Lord God (Rev 2.5). In this world today, it is easy to take minuscule steps with Satan – not realizing the enemy is leading us astray. Satan will never call you to cross the chasm; his way is so deceitful as he invites you to take one baby step at a time not realizing what you are doing until – until you may have gone too far. Read the Holy Bible daily, seeking the will of the Lord that you might know when Satan is deceiving you. Hear the Word of the Lord calling you that you might "**Go The Way of the Cross.**"

### Plumbline: *Isaiah 55.6, 7*

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon

Perhaps there needs to be some soul searching as King David prayed:

Psa 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

Psa 139:24 And see if [there be any] wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

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*Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31)*

# Walking in the Light

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Rom 10:17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

There is a hymn from long ago that tells us much about "**Going The Way of the Cross.**" It is about Jesus Christ Who went to the Cross for us, for our sins. "Oh, nobody else could do it for Him; He had to walk it by Himself." *The Via Dolorosa* is a walk within the context of the body of Christ; however, it is a walk done by each person alone. It is taking up one's cross and following Jesus Christ (Mk 8.34).

It does seem a lonely road, but the reality of it is that the Lord Jesus Christ is ever present with us. It is a walk that nobody else can do for us; it is a walk that we each must choose to take in this life as a way of life – if we love the Lord Jesus Christ. But, also the reality of it is that when we are walking with Jesus Christ on the *Via Dolorosa*, and He with us, we have His strength, His love, grace and mercy flowing in us – guiding us as we walk with Him.

"Take Up Thy Cross and Follow Me, I heard my Master say." He beckons to us that we might know Him, love Him, that we might walk in newness of life, that we might know Him and His love for us (Rom 6.4).

When "Jesus Is All the World" to us, when we love Him with our whole heart, when He is our first Love, we will walk in obedience to His Holy Word. This is a daily walk; it is walking with Him – one step at a time. It is walking in the Spirit (Rom 8.4), keeping our eyes upon the Lord Jesus Christ that we might behold His glory, seeing what He wants us to see. It is having our ears fine tuned as an instrument to the hearing of His voice that we might know His will, that we might hear His call upon our lives. It is having our hearts melded with His that we might be one with Him and walk in obedience to His Holy Word, the Holy Bible.

Perhaps we need to hear the call of the Lord God to the Church at Ephesus. Let us return to our first Love (Rev 2.4-7) that we might "**Go The Way of the Cross.**"

Psa 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.