

LET US WALK THE TALK AND WALK THE WALK...

JESUS' 7 WORDS ON THE CROSS

First Word: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." (Luke 23:34)

Second Word: "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:43)

Third Word: "Jesus said to his mother: "Woman, this is your son." Then he said to the disciple: "This is your mother." (John 19:26-27)

Fourth Word: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46 & Mark 15:34)

Fifth Word: "I thirst." (John 19:28)

Sixth Word: They put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth.

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished;" and he bowed his head and handed over the spirit. (John 19:29-30)

Seventh Word: Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lemasabachthani" that means "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23:46)

My Dear Loving Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our LORD and SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Jesus' final words on the cross came out of his sufferings and agony has been a marching order for those who understand God's desire for them. In Jesus, God gave us the ultimate clarion call to be His people. In this last phase of Lenten before celebrating the Easter, it is time to reflect on our individual responsibility to this radical action of God in Jesus. Did God really die? Or is it the act of demonstrating the obedience to die for our sin; So that we could live.

Our lives require of us a faithfulness that others tend to call many different things "radical", "reactionary", "crazy", "frivolous", and even "stupid". But it is important for us to reflect on what the Lord requires of us. In the Bible, Jesus' words were recorded. It didn't record too many things about other's words which could be more of insulting, mocking and challenging Jesus. Even the one who was crucified to His left was doing it. Isn't it? But Jesus prayed for them and asked forgiveness for them.

What does the Lord require of us? A sticker pasted on our vehicle? Is that the slogan over our door as we walk out of the house? Wearing a chain with a cross around our neck? Wearing biblical verse in our bracelet? Carrying a Bible whenever we walk around? Wearing a white dress? Sacrificing Gems and jewelers? What does the Lord require of us? To do justice, to love mercy, to live honestly, to be self-content, to be trustworthy to the Lord, to love our enemies, to help the needy, to pray for the one who is harming us, and to walk humbly with our Lord to reach the eternal life. Christianity is not all about preaching and praying; but also demonstrating God's words in our lives. Let us not talk the talks, but walk the walk of Jesus.

Prayer:

Gracious Heavenly Father, please give us the patience to hear your voice in our time. As we seek to do your will, help us to witness your desire for a world that reflects your love, your mercy, your justice and your humility. Give us your wisdom as we walk in your light. In Jesus name we offer this prayer. Amen.