

**THE MEANING OF THE CROSS  
PART 3 - THE MARK OF A DISCIPLE**

**A. V24 - What denying yourself is really about:**

1. You and I are now \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Christ intends to grow us to be like \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Anything important \_\_\_\_\_ self-denial

**B. What's involved in self denial?**

1. what it doesn't mean:

- it's not giving up your \_\_\_\_\_
- it's not withdrawing from the \_\_\_\_\_
- it's not becoming \_\_\_\_\_
- it's not about giving up all \_\_\_\_\_
- it's not about giving up \_\_\_\_\_

2. You have to give up \_\_\_\_\_

3. Jesus does not want you to seek \_\_\_\_\_ as the biggest goal in your life

- ABC's of the Christian life -
  - a. Things that \_\_\_\_\_ with the love and service of Christ
  - b. Things that \_\_\_\_\_ others wrongly or that are fun but you're not sure they're right
  - c. Self denial means you choose \_\_\_\_\_ over pleasure

**The cross is the extra difficulty that comes from deciding to obey Christ.**