

## The Pilgrim's Progress: A Study

### Week 5: Section 3b- The Cross and Various Encounters (Pastor's Notes)

#### Cover the Narrative

First, review the Interpreter's House section.

Let's take time to discuss the basic story of pages 34-42, focusing on these key questions:

1. After departing the Interpreter's House, what way did Christian travel?
2. Why is Salvation pictured like a wall guarding the way?
3. What does Christian see as he ascends the hill?
4. What happens as Christian approached the cross?
5. How does Christian react to this moment?
6. Who, in that moment, attends to Christian?
7. What do they give him?
8. Christian excitedly speaks a poem. What does it ultimately say?
9. Who does Christian spot at the bottom of the other side of the hill?
10. In waking them, what does Christian compare them to?
11. What danger did Christian alert them to?
12. What is each of their responses?
13. A little further down the road, Christian encounters two men. Who are they?
14. What detail does Bunyan give us in mentioning their place of origin?
15. How does Christian address them?
16. Do they listen? What is their response?
17. How does Christian respond?
18. What obstacle does Christian encounter next? How does Christian handle it? How do the others handle it?
19. What important event happens on the Hill Difficult and how does it affect the narrative?
20. Who are the final two men that Christian encounters in this section? What is their warning to him?

#### Theological Discussion

- Discuss the significance of the Cross. Why is it here that the burden drops from Christian's back? Is Bunyan picturing Christian's salvation or the loss of his guilt over his sins?

- An interesting group of characters are encountered in this week's reading. Discuss what they represent:
  - Simple, Sloth, and Presumption- discuss connection to Anglicanism.
  - Formality- outward observance of religion.
  - Hypocrisy- Self-deluding self-righteousness.
  - Reference with Formality and Hypocrisy to their traditions lasting for more than 1,000 years- Catholicism.

**Assignment for next week:**

For next Wednesday night, please read pages 42-53 in the supplied book.

- **The Palace Beautiful** (Page 42),
- **About the Lord of the Hill** (page 49)

If you can, fill out your worksheets, and look up the Biblical references in your Bible.

-I look forward to seeing you again, then!