

## Are You Battle Scarred?

“As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men”, Isaiah 52:14.

Physically, scars are the visible proof that something nasty has happened in your life.

Mentally, the scars are not a physical mark, they are a deep down – internally and eternally – nagging searing pain.

Scars come from accidents. Scars come from stupid actions. The scars we are looking at from now on are battle scars.

Our Captain, the Lord Jesus Himself, who still wears His physical scars, which also act as His Battle Medals, possesses the only man-made item in Heaven.

The Christian, as a member of God’s Army, is prone to all three. The scars on our body are a permanent picture of our life. The question now arises, “Do we hide them, or wear them proudly?”

Scars are great reminders of past events in our lives.

The Bible has been declared to be history written in advance. Friend, join with me as we look at the following verses.

Jesus stated, “And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it”, Luke 9:23–24.

A clear indication that there was a cost to enter into eternal peace.

Some six months later, our Lord declared to His Disciples that the cost was not only for man, but also to Himself.

Our Lord uttered the following words some twelve hours before they became history.

“And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you”, Luke 22:19–20.

Consider the wounds caused by the beating, all permitting our Lord's Blood to flow from His Body. Consider the wounds caused by the thorns of the platted crown, all permitting our Lord's Blood to flow from His Head.

Thus the statement, "...this do in remembrance of me" now becomes I am taking my scars – the one man-made article in Heaven – to present to My Father with the words, 'Father, I went to earth because we loved our creation, this is what they have done to me, but I also prayed from the Cross, Father, that you would forgive them. I stand before you now Father, and plead for them'.

Father, by your Sons actions, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, ensure that we stay on the right track, and are able to demonstrate it to those who are not on track.