

The Attitude of Christ
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For many people, Lent is all about giving something up (i.e., chocolate, soft drinks, Facebook). The thought is that if we give something up, then we can better focus on how Christ gave up His life for us. Unfortunately, sometimes when we give things up for Lent we focus more on what we have done and forget all about the sacrifice of Jesus.

This Lent I encourage you to take something on for Lent, to take on the attitude of Christ. Paul writes, "You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to." (Philippians 2:5-6) Basically, Jesus put other's needs ahead of His own. Ultimately, Jesus put the needs of every sinner ahead of His own needs and went to the cross in our place.

During Lent our worship services focus our eyes of faith on the meaning behind God's mercy made manifest in Christ. On Ash Wednesday, we were marked with ashes as a reminder of our sins. We are reminded, too, of the mercy of our God who lifts us from our ashes to new life in Christ.

Lent is a season when we take a look at our lives in view of God's mercy toward us in the sacrifice of His Son Jesus for us on the cross. We in turn are called by God, especially during this time of repentance and reflection, to be living sacrifices for Him, displaying our devotion to Him in word and deed.