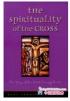
## <u>SPIRITUALITY OF THE CROSS 十字架的神髓</u>

## (Welcome to the seminar at LCOR on 6<sup>th</sup> April)



The message of the Cross is central in the series of events during the Holy Week – a message that is "foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (1 Cor 1:18)

The message of the Cross is one of suffering both in respect of the high price that Jesus had to bear for our salvation and in respect of the suffering

anyone who wishes to follow Him must be prepared for – as Jesus said to His disciples:

"If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" – Mt 16:24-26

Martin Luther coined the term "Theology of the Cross" to state the theological principle that our knowledge of God stems from the study of Christ in His humiliation and the sufferings He underwent on the cross.

Gene Edward Veith, Jr. writes the book "Spirituality of the Cross" giving a lay perspective of one who struggled in search of an answer in his spiritual quest. In the end, he found his answer from Luther's theology of the Cross that is often overlooked by many Christians. This book has gained many positive reviews which you can google to read. Among the reviews is one that states:



"Veith explores and presents a true understanding of justification by faith, the means of grace, vocation, theology of the cross, the two kingdoms, worship, and the church."

The book "Spirituality of the Cross" is so well-received by readers that it is translated into Chinese by 李广生 (Peter Li) and 蔡锦图. It is a good book to

read concomitant with our reflections in Holy Week on the message of the Cross – about righteousness, grace, work and life – in Luther's theology as Veith explores it.

Dr Peter Li (李广生博士) of Lutheran Theological College Hong Kong will be in Singapore this April to speak on the book.

The books (both language) will be on sale at highly subsidized price of \$8.



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