

WHAT DOES THE CROSS MEAN?

Galatians 6:14; 1 Corinthians 1:18; 2:2

Introduction: There are all kinds, sizes and crosses of various compositions. There are wood, gold, silver, glass crosses. There are little crosses worn around the neck, carried in purses and pockets, pinned on the lapel, there are large crosses on church tops, in church yards, even crosses tattooed on people's bodies. Not only Christians have/wear crosses, some very strange people have crosses, ear rings, nose rings, painted on motorcycles, etc. Just what does the Cross mean? It depends upon who you ask.

I. WHAT IS THE CROSS TO THE WORLD?

1. It is a superstition, used to ward off "vampires," a secret power, the "sign" of the cross has magical power.
2. It is foolishness, only a religious relic, an idol to some.
3. It is a stumbling block to some for it is a cruel instrument of death, too bad to be any good.
4. A decoration that looks nice.

II. WHAT IS THE CROSS TO GOD?

1. It is the instrument of redemption for mankind.
2. It is the instrument of defeat of Satan.
3. It is the instrument that shows how much God loves people.
4. It is the instrument that shows the depth of a man's sin in the eyes of God.

III. WHAT IS THE CROSS TO YOU?

1. Is it something to wear?
2. Is it something "religious?"
3. Is it a reminder of what it cost for you to be accepted by God?
4. Is it a place where you found peace with yourself and the Lord?

CONCLUSION:

1. What God thinks of the Cross matters most.
2. What YOU think of the Cross determines your destiny.
3. The Cross demands your soul, life, your very all.
4. God can do no more for us. It is either accept the Cross and its meaning or it is eternal separation from God in Hell.
5. Only to believers in Jesus is the Cross received as God intends.
6. So, what does the Cross really mean to you? Will you believe in the Lord Jesus and receive what the Cross stands for?