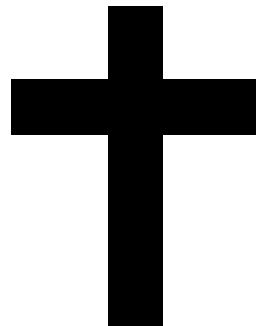




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POINT #1

**The cross reveals:
MY SIN!!!**

POINT #2

**The cross reveals:
MY NEED TO CHANGE!**

POINT #3

**The cross reveals:
MY VALUE TO GOD!**

POINT #4

**The cross reveals:
MY PURPOSE!**

POINT #1
The cross reveals:
MY SIN!!!



The cross reveals my sin. I must conclude that I am a sinner, and without the price paid by God sending His only Son to die, that I would be deserving of death and hell. When I see how horribly Jesus suffered then I see how horrible my sin is, how offensive it is to a Holy God. Many people will never be saved because they are prideful and fail to embrace this revelation.

Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

-Romans 1:32

Gods nature is perfection. Man's nature is sinful.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

-Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin [is] death;

-Romans 6:23

I must admit I am a sinner. If I cannot come to the cross humbly, then the cross is meaningless to me and all it represents.



POINT #2

The cross reveals: MY NEED TO CHANGE!

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Repentance: In theology, to feel such sorrow for sin as leads to amendment of ones ways, to be penitent.

Through the work of the cross God offers me a brand new start! All past sins and offenses is exonerated, complete clemency granted! To continue to casually repeat a lifestyle of sin (continuing in my old ways) would be to say

my sin is no big deal but remember point #1, remember the awful price paid for sin to be atoned.

But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

-Acts 26:20

Right here where it says turn to God, the key word is turn. I like things really simple in turning to God I am turning away from my old ways. Let me explain the second part that is underlined, it simply means that my life should prove my change of heart. This word “repent” is unavoidable, many Christian leaders have attempted to create a gospel void of this truth.

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

-Matthew 3:1-2

.. and saying, the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye and believe the gospel.

-Mark 1:15

Then Peter said unto them, repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

- Acts 2:38

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering (patient) to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

- II Peter 3:9

God sent Jesus to save us from our sins, not save us in our sin. Note: The real take away for point #2, we cannot save ourselves but must offer a sincere heart, a full surrender. At the end of the day the real transformation is wrought by the work of the Holy Spirit and the grace of God. If you fall down, get up!

Commit to never quit following Jesus!

POINT #3

The cross reveals: MY VALUE TO GOD!



But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

-Romans 5:8

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.



-John 3:16-17

God sending Jesus, to the cross was ransom for my soul. There was nothing in all the universe more valuable than CHRIST. This reveals how precious and loved I am by GOD.

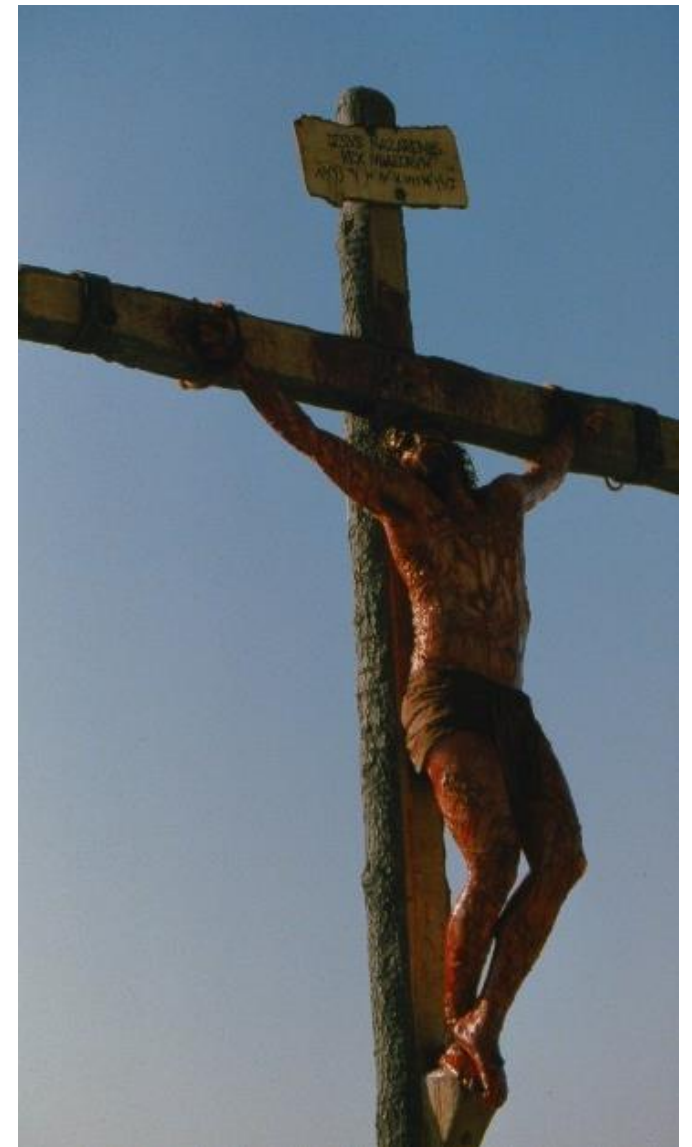
POINT #4
The cross reveals:
MY PURPOSE!



For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

-Matthew 16:25-26

The cross always represents death. In choosing to follow Jesus, I die to my dreams, my plans, and surrender to His dreams and His plans for my life. Only Jesus satisfies! We are not saved to selfishly keep the gift of salvation that Jesus gave us, but we are saved to help others find salvation by knowing Jesus. The basic question in the heart of man is "What is my purpose?" Man's purpose is found only in the gospel. It is God's dream that every person be saved. Outside of the gospel, this life has no meaning. According to the measure you embrace the purpose of winning others to Christ will determine the measure of purpose in your life. God does not want us to do this from a sense of duty for we are not saved by works, but as a response to His free grace! There is something down deep in everyone's hearts that wants to be right with God. Would you be saved today?



That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

- Romans 10:9-13

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, [even] unto the end of the world. Amen.

- Matthew 28:18-20

Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things [are] of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech [you] by us: we pray [you] in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him [to be] sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

As far as the east is from the west, [so] far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

- Psalm 103:12

God does not just tolerate you, He's crazy about you!
He wants to spend time with you!



How much time?

Eternity?

How have you found such Favor?

If you want to be saved, pray this prayer:

Dear Jesus, I am a sinner, I know my sin has separated me from You, I know my sin is grievous and wicked. Every sin, every wrong thought, everything in my whole life I confess to You now.

I truly believe You love me and long to forgive me. I believe I am of great value to You, that You desire to forgive me to heal me (body, soul, and spirit). I am overwhelmed by how You love me in spite of my sin.

I now receive your free gift of forgiveness and salvation (thank you Jesus for dying for me).

I now embrace my purpose to follow You daily and daily tell others what You have done for me by rescuing me from *Sin* and *Hell*. Use me, use me to help others, fill me with compassion to see my family, friends, and strangers come to you!

Thank you Lord Jesus for saving me.

God loves you – no matter who you are, no matter what your past. God loves you so much that He gave His one and only begotten Son for you. The Bible tells us that *“whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16 NIV)*. Jesus laid down His life and rose again so that we could spend eternity with Him in Heaven and experience His absolute best on earth.

Call on Jesus today.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

-Romans 10:13

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