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The Place Of The Cross In The Christian's Life

Gal. 6:14

- **“But God forbid that I should glory, (boast) save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.”**

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- **“But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ...”**
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Introduction

- **“The cross of Christ was the express (specific L.B.) reason for Christ being on earth. It is the very heart of the gospel and the center of the Christian’s life.” Andrew Connally**

The Cross Is Essential To Becoming A Christian

- **Rom. 6:16-18**
- **“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”**

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- **Rom. 6:16-18**

- [17] But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have **obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.**

[18] Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”

The Cross Is Essential To Becoming A Christian

- Only by obeying the **“form”** of Christ’s death, burial and resurrection do we become Christians
- **Rom. 6:3-5**
- **1 Cor. 15:3-4**

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- “For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died** for our sins according to the scriptures;
[4] And that he **was buried**, and that he **rose again** the third day according to the scriptures”

Rom. 6:3-5

- “[3] Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?
[4] Therefore we are buried with him by baptism **into death**: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father

Rom. 6:3-5

- even so we also should **walk in newness of life.**

[5] For if we have been planted together in **the likeness of his death**, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection”

The Gospel Enacted

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Jesus the Christ
His Death, Burial and Resurrection
For the Sins of Man



Death



Resurrection



Burial



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The Gospel Re-enacted in Baptism

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Romans 6:3-4

In Baptism
We Repent of Sin and Die to Sin
We are Buried in Water for the Remission of Sins
We are Raised to Walk in a New Life



Dead to Sin



Resurrected
to a New Life



Buried in Water



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Jn. 3:3, 5

- **“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God....Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born of water and of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God”**

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The Cross Is Essential For One To Be A Disciple Of Christ

- **Disciple** = a student and follower of Jesus
- **Mt. 16:24-26**
- **Lk. 9:23**
- **Lk. 14:27**

Mt. 16:24-26

- “Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and **take up his cross**, and follow me.

[25] For whosoever will save his life shall lose it:

Mt. 16:24-26

- **and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.**

[26] For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Lk. 9:23 - A daily bearing

- **“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.”**

Lk. 14:27 – a personal cross

- **“And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.”**

The Cross Of Christ Crucifies One To The World

- **Gal. 6:14**
- **“the world is crucified unto me”** = The charms of the world, the enticements of the world were dead to Paul
- The things of the world held no allurements to Paul

The Cross Of Christ Crucifies One To The World

- “He had no interest in the world and the world had no interest in Paul.”
- **Worldliness dies** when Christ lives in our hearts
- Gal. 2:20

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- **“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”**

The Cross Of Christ Crucifies One To The World

- The lust and passion for evil must cease
- **Gal. 5:24**
- “And **they that are Christ's** have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.”

The Cross Provides A Way Into God's Presence For Sinful Men

- **Heb. 4:14**
- **Heb. 7:25**
- **Heb. 8:12**

Heb. 4:14

- “Seeing then that we have **a great high priest**, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.”

Heb. 7:25

- “Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing **he ever liveth to make intercession** for them.”

Heb. 8:12

- “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I **remember no more.**”

Conclusion

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