

THE CROSS OF CHRIST

The importance of the cross of Christ has been reduced in its significance and power, and by our confusing and comparing it as an act that is seen as the blood sacrifices of the Old Testament. The pagans sacrificed animals and people to appease their gods. God's chosen people (the Hebrews) sacrificed animals for forgiveness of trespasses and sins. His death on the cross was all together different. Let us move on to a higher place, to a greater revelation and understanding.

The cross of which Jesus death was suffered, was an act of far more importance and purpose. Recall what He said about who He was/is... THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE?

How was He the Way? He showed the way to the Father, and no one comes to the Father but by Him and His way... take up our cross and follow Him.

How was He the Truth? He represented the truth of who we are or rather who we can be if we follow His example... sons of God.

How was He the life? Christ, the life giving Spirit! By the act of His death on the cross He offers (His offering)to us everything pertaining to life and godliness... the divine nature... divine life.

Whoever loses his life (for His sake) shall find it. We must give up (lose) our life and love of this world. He said, "You must be born again!"... death to the life in the flesh with a human nature, and born again of the Spirit with a divine nature.

This is the Cross of Christ that we must bear, following His example. We must shed the 'blood' of this life, following His example. We must be raised from this body of death, following His example. "...if the same spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in you."

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