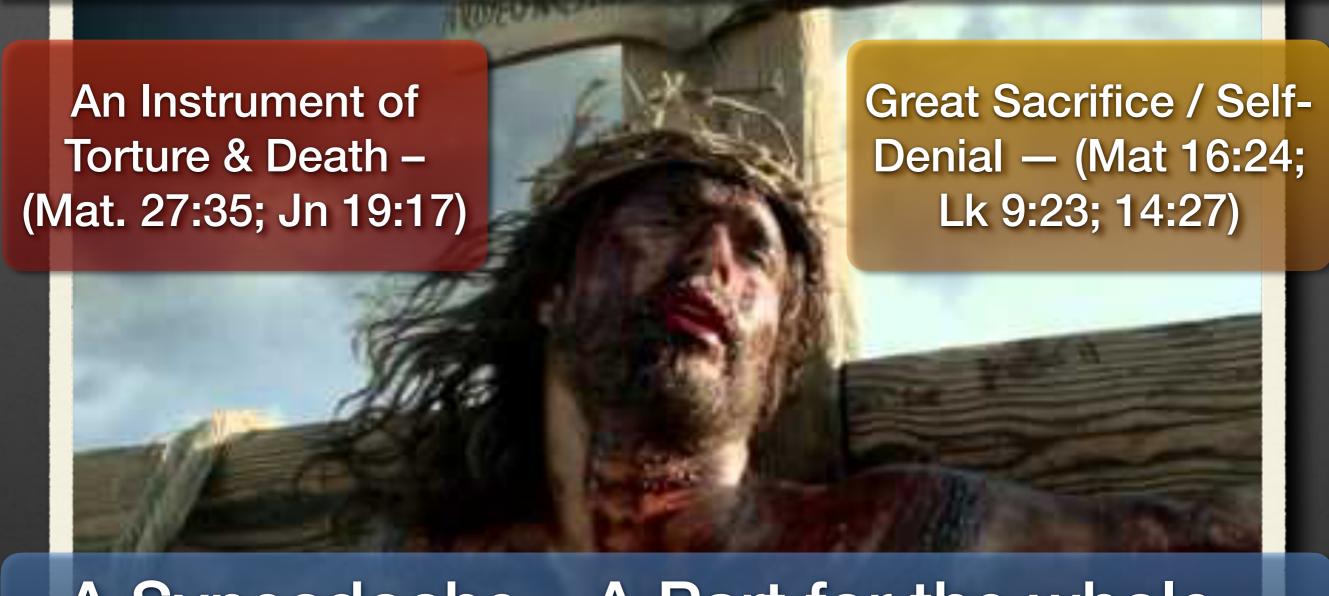


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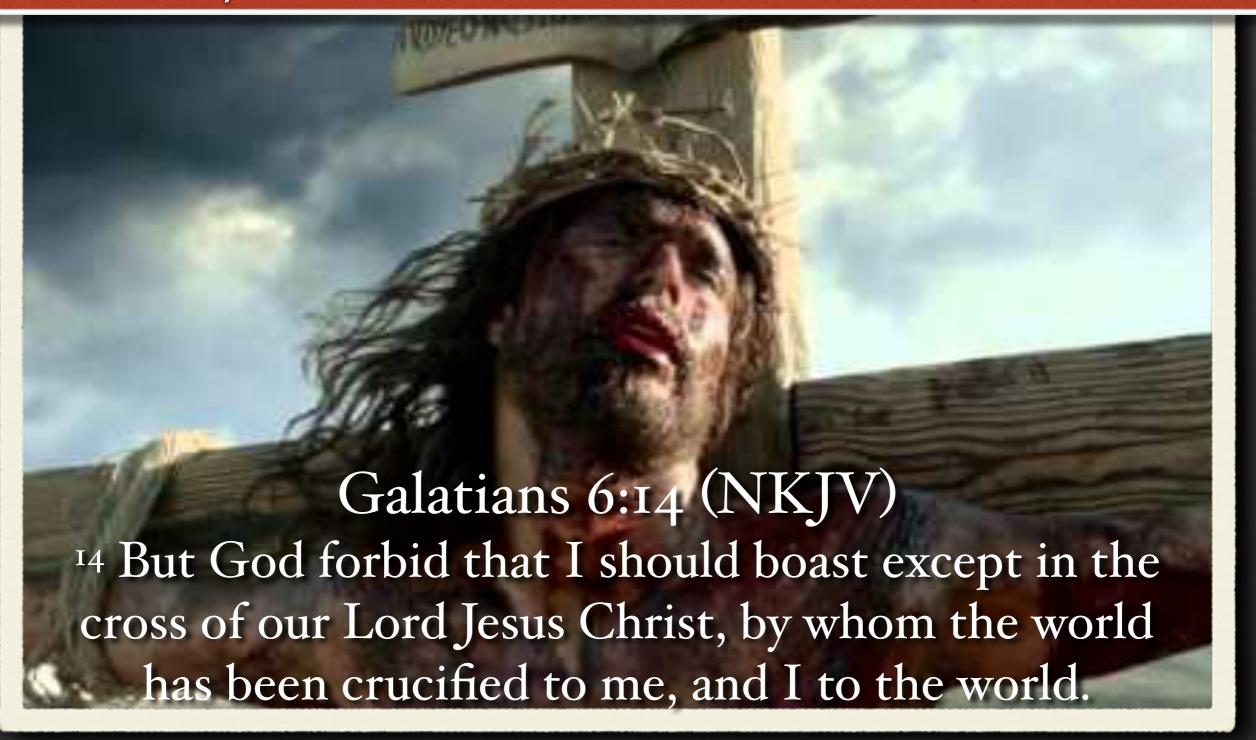
- Foolishness (I Cor I:18,23)
- An Offense & Makes Enemies
   (Gal 5:11; Phili 3:18)
- A Stumbling Stone (1 Cor. 1:23; Rom. 9:33; 1 Pet 2:8)
- An Idol, or good luck charm (Lev 26:1; Acts 17:29; 1 Cor 10:14)

#### The Scriptures. The Term Cross Represents:

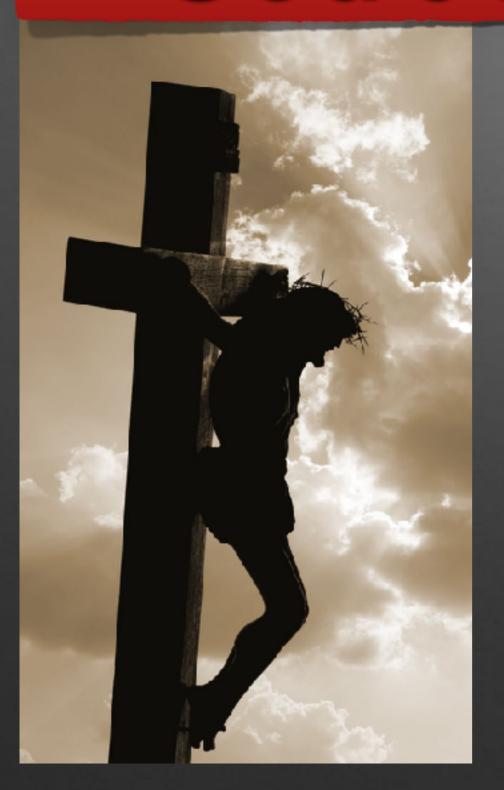


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#### The Oscriptures: The Term Cross Represents:



# God's Hatred For Sin

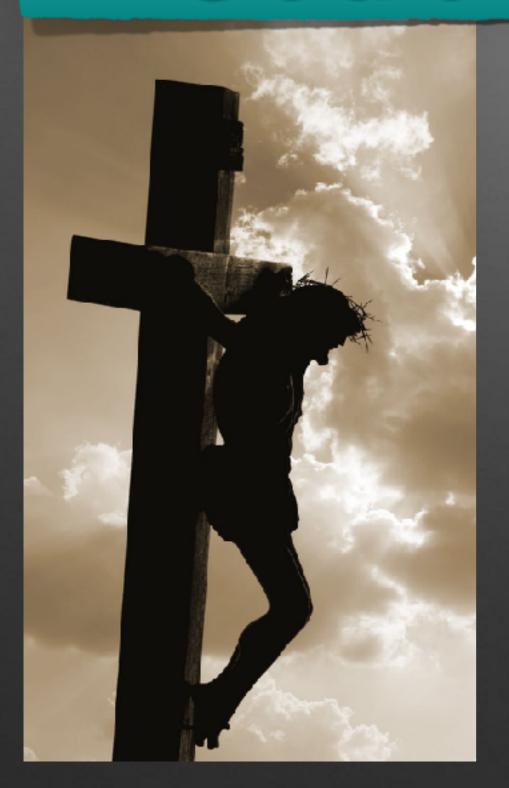


- Sin Separates Men From God (Ez 18:20; Is 59:1,2)
- The Penalty For Sin Is

  Death (Rom 3:23; 6:23;

  Heb 9:22; 10:4; Luke 22:42)
- Jesus Died For Our Sins –
   (1 Pet 2:21-24; Heb 2:9;
   John 1:29; 1 John 2:1,2)

## God's Love For Man



- Gods Love Seen From The Beginning (Gen 3:15; 2 Tim 1:9; Rev 13:8)
- God's Love Seen In The
   Old Testament (Is 53:1-12)
- Fulfilled In Christ (Rom 5:6-8; John 3:16; 15:13; 1 John 4:9,10)

## The End Of The Old Law



- First Covenant Was
  Temporary (Gal 3:19-25;
  Heb 8:7-13; 9:15-17)
- Jesus Fulfilled The Law of Moses (Mat 5:17-20; Luke 24:44-46; Acts 3:18)
- The Law of Moses Was
  Nailed To The Cross (Eph
  2:14-16; Col. 2:14; Heb 10:9)

# End Of Racial / Ethnic Barriers



- Broke Down The Wall
  Between Jew & Gentile –
  (Eph 2:11-17; Acts 10:28)
- Jesus Died For Everyone (1 John 2:1,2; Titus 2:11,12)
- God Is Not A Respecter of Persons (Acts 10:34-36; Rom 2:11; 1 Pet 1:17; 2 Thes 1:7-9; Gal 6:7-9)

## The Drawing Power Of The Gospel



- All those Who Are Saved –
   Are Drawn By The Cross –
   (John 12:23-32; 3:14-21)
- The Story of The Cross Is The Foundation of The Gospel (1 Cor. 2:1-4; 15:1-4)
- The gospel is God's power to save all who believe (Rom. 1:16,17; 1 Cor 1:18-21)

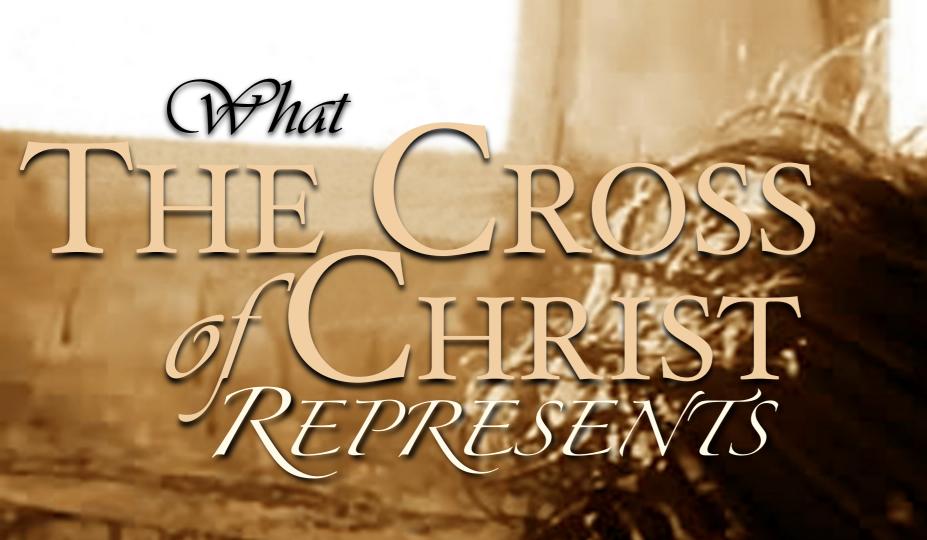
## The Importance of Obedience



- Jesus came into the world to do the will of the Father — (John 4:34; 6:38; Luke 22:42-44)
- Jesus was obedient to death, even the death of the cross (Phili 2:8; John 10:18)
- We MUST take up our cross and FOLLOW Jesus — (Luke 9:23-26; Heb. 5:9; 2 Cor. 10:5)

# THE CROSS OF REPRESENTING

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<sup>17</sup> And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, 18 where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. 19 Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS <sup>20</sup> Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.

<sup>21</sup> Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, "I am the King of the Jews." ' " 22 Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." 23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.

<sup>24</sup> They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things. 25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!"

<sup>27</sup> Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. <sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" 29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. 30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.