

1 **THE GLORY OF THE CROSS**

Galatians 6:14: But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

2 **BECAUSE OF THE PASSION IT PICTURES**

- His Anguish in the Garden
 - Gethsemane
 - a long night – He went aside to pray
 - His “hour” had come
 - What was this “cup”?
 - He would go alone to the cross
 - “My God, My God, why have You forsake Me?”

3 **BECAUSE OF THE PASSION IT PICTURES**

- His Arrest by the Mob
 - Jewish leaders determination to kill Jesus
 - Judas Betrayal
 - The mob was mindless
 - hundreds in that heavily armed mob who came to arrest one unarmed prophet.
 - The great I AM was being arrested like a common criminal.

4 **BECAUSE OF THE PASSION IT PICTURES**

- His Agony on the Cross
 - Crucifixion began with scourging
 - the preliminary to execution
 - Jesus prophesy in Matthew 20:17-19
 - He knew what was coming
 - Pilate knew that Jesus was innocent
 - The mob cried out, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”

5 **BECAUSE OF THE PASSION IT PICTURES**

- The Dying
 - Crucifixion stripped people of all human dignity
 - men could live for days
 - difficult to breathe
 - The bodies had to be removed from the cross before the Passover Sabbath began
 - Roman soldiers came to break their legs
 - Jesus had already died

6 **BECAUSE OF THE PERSON IT PORTRAYS**

- The Son of Man
- The Lord of Glory - 2 Corinthians 4: 4-6: whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. 6 For it is the God who commanded light

to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 **John 1:1, 3**

- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

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8 **The Lamb of God**

- John 1:29:

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

9 **BECAUSE OF THE PARDON IT PROVIDES**

- Guilt Declared
- Romans 3:10-19, 23: As it is written:
- "There is none righteous, no, not one;
11 There is none who understands;
There is none who seeks after God.
12 They have all turned aside;
They have together become unprofitable;
There is none who does good, no, not one."
13 "Their throat *is* an open tomb;
With their tongues they have practiced deceit";
"The poison of asps *is* under their lips";

10 **Romans 3:10-19, 23**

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- 14 "Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness."
15 "Their feet *are* swift to shed blood;
16 Destruction and misery *are* in their ways;
17 And the way of peace they have not known."
18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."
• 19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 23 For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

11 **Sin Borne**

- Isaiah 53:4-6:
Surely He has borne our griefs
And carried our sorrows;
Yet we esteemed Him stricken,
Smitten by God, and afflicted.
5 But He *was* wounded for our transgressions,

*He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed.
6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned, every one, to his own way;
And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

12 **1 Peter 2:24**

- Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

13 **Forgiveness Accomplished**

- Hebrews 9:22: According to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

14 **Hebrews 9:12-14**

- Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

15 **Power to Save**

- 1 Corinthians 1:18: For the message of the cross is foolish to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
- Paul's salvation on the Damascus Road

16 **Power to Sanctify**

- Romans 6:6: Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.
- Galatians 2:20: I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.
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17 **Power to Destroy Satan**

- Hebrews 2:14: Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.