

# The cross



Once you realize, visualize, see and understand that Jesus Christ has carried all of your sins, all your lies, all your dishonest conduct, your lustful desires and adulterous desires, your greed, your jealousy and your hate towards others, your violence, even your murders on his shoulders as he hung on the cross, the encounter of the cross becomes the most personal, the most intimate, the most 'close to heart' encounter which a person can ever have in his life.

Once a person can visually see his own sins being nailed to that cross he cannot do anything else but fall on his knees and weep like a child.

A person that has never been moved to tears at the foot of the cross has never understood the true meaning of what took actually place on that cross.

It is impossible to look upon the cross without being moved to the depth of our soul.

A very famous heretical preacher (Joseph Prince) who has managed to bewitch thousands with his seductive deceptions and lies once mocked one of England's greatest revival preachers of the Middle Ages during one of his sermons.

He mocked and ridiculed the man because when this man was preaching people were moved to tears when they had discovered the truth about the cross. Very often they would fall on their knees and weep for hours as they were confronted with the sins in their life.

Those precious Christian converts understood what took place on that cross.

A self-righteous spirit and a false Christian will never be moved by the sight of the cross.

Such a dishonest preacher, such a false Christian can talk much about the cross, can explain all the aspects of the cross and even have the right theology about the cross but if such a man is offended at the expression of another person's sincere repentance then he has never understood what took really place on that cross. His mind and his spirit is still covered in darkness.

To ridicule the work of the Holy Spirit is not only a sin against the Holy Spirit; it is also an expression of a man's own insincerity towards others as well.

A pharisaical spirit will always discredit the work of the Holy Spirit for it cannot come to terms with the presence of truth.

Theologians who have studied and written books on systematic theology but who have never wept at the foot of the cross have no understanding of what took really place on the day when Jesus offered his life so that we could be saved from our sins.

The very act of sin (sinning) is highly personal.

Every sin first involves a decision, involves a choice which is often followed by an action as well. Sin affects all of us deeply within.

Sin shapes and forms our character and it also lays the tracks for our future.

Once sin has been dealt with in our life, once our sin has been forgiven, has been removed as the result of sincere and of genuine repentance it will leave a deep impact on us for all times to come. The impact of the removal of sin has such far reaching consequences that it will even shape our eternal future.

A person whose sins have been forgiven will forever be a changed man.

Just as sin shapes our character so forgiveness will transform our character as well.

The cross will always remain the central focus in every Christian's life.

When a Christian loses sight of the cross he has lost sight of Christ himself.

Without the cross we cannot see Jesus.

Without the cross we cannot even see ourselves.

Without the cross we are forever left in darkness. We are left to face the terrifying judgment of God.

We can either hold on to our sin and treasure it until we die or we can come to the cross and find new life and forgiveness.

We can treasure our sin and add to it just like putting rocks into a treasure box which is full of darkness and gloom or we can bring our sin before Jesus at the foot of the cross.

Once we empty this box, this dark chamber which hides deep within our heart and allow the light of God to expose what was hidden for so long in the past, we will experience for the first time in our life what it really means to be 'free'.

At the cross the most amazing transformation takes place.

We come before Jesus as a dead person, as someone who has been inwardly killed by his own sin and we receive forgiveness and life in return.

This Life will last forever and this forgiveness is so powerful that it even removes our sinful past from the eyes of God Himself.

While God is all-powerful, almighty, there is one thing that even He cannot do.

He can no longer see our sin once it has been removed, once it has been washed away by the blood of our Lord.

