

### The Old Rugged Cross (Pt.2)

So, how much do you value 'the Old Rugged Cross' that gave you **Jesus** and **a way to be forgiven for your sins and be saved?** Are you **worthy** of him dying on the cross for you? He gave himself a sacrifice for you, are you a **living sacrifice** for Him?

**Why the cross?** No other form of punishment or death is as cruel as crucifixion, even in our day. *The guillotine* was instant death. A *Firing squad* was a painful but quick death. *Hanging* was a cruel, painful and quick death. *The Electric chair* was a cruel, painful and within minutes, deaths. *Lethal injections* are also cruel, painful and a quick death. But none of these come with **a flogging, mental torture or 6 hours of suffering**. Christ paid the ultimate price with his life in the most inhumane death known at the time for the sins of the whole world. That was God's requirement for forgoing His wrath on mankind for their sins. **What was this worth to you?**

What did **the cross** change and provide? Jesus death on **the cross** took away the Old Law (*Law of Moses*) and ushered in the New Law (*Law of Christ*). Now before you get ahead of me, both laws were **of God**. Scriptures says "*And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, has he quickened together with him, having forgiven you of all trespasses; blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross: and having spoiled principalities and powers, he made them a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Col.2:13-15* What does this mean to you? \_\_\_\_\_

What did **the cross** provide? It provided so much more to all mankind. It provided "*peace and reconciliation of man back to God by Jesus Christ.*" Those who would believe on Jesus, *his death, burial and resurrection and are baptized (born again of the water and of the Spirit) for the forgiveness of sins*, have been baptized **into** Christ and have **put on** Christ. Now they are Christians! "*Now in Christ Jesus, you that was once afar off are made near in the blood of Christ. For He is our peace, who have made both one and broke down the middle wall of partition, having abolished in the flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; that he might create in himself of two, one new man, so making peace; and might reconcile them both in one body unto God through the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: and he came and preached peace unto you that were afar off and peace to them that were near; for through him we both have our access in one Spirit unto the Father.*"

**What does this mean to you?** \_\_\_\_\_

Why not use what you have learned to teach others? "**That Old Rugged Cross**" is where **anyone wanting to be saved** must **come to, learn of, believe in and cherish.**

