

# The Meaning of the Cross

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Galatians 6:14.
- B. The cross is an instrument of execution.
- C. In preaching the cross of Jesus is alone the power of God.
- D. Martyrs die for a cause. Jesus died for sinners.

## II. Different responses to the cross.

- A. To Caesar the cross was a form of punishment.
- B. To the centurions the cross might have been the doorway to heaven.
- C. To the women and the disciples the cross was shattered expectations.
- D. To God the Father the cross was heartbreak.
- E. To unbelievers the cross is foolishness.

## III. To believers the cross...

- A. Is the forgiveness of sin.
- B. Is sensitivity to sin.
- C. Is redemption. (1 Peter 1:18-19)
- D. Is sacrifice and death to self. (John 12:24)
- E. Is the love of God. (John 3:16)
- F. Is the revealed grace of God.
- G. Is hope. (Psalm 115:3)

**Application questions:**

1. What is the cross of Jesus to God?

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2. How should a believer's life be different in light of what the cross has accomplished for him?

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3. In what ways does the cross of Jesus bring us hope?

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