

# THE CROSS OF CHRIST

The Cross of Christ has always been the symbol of Christianity -- or Religion in general. However, today it has become very controversial and the target of the ACLU and atheists with law suits and threats.

Crosses that have stood for generations in public places are forcibly removed to appease a few while the majority must go-along for "Political Correctness."

A Cross in the Mojave desert, in the middle of nowhere, commemorating the World War One heroic sacrifice of those who paid for our freedom with their lives, was the object of court cases and finally forcefully removed by unknown hoodlums.

A young girl in elementary school was expelled for wearing a Cross necklace to class -- and the incidents go on and on of the unfounded problems the Cross has caused all throughout the country.

Why has the Cross become the center of controversy and scorn? Simply because there are a few that are offended by it. They are against our First Amendment stand on freedom of religion - and the Cross is the emblem of respect for the majority of Americans.

A simple Bible verse tells it all -- *"For the message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being Saved it is the Power of God"* (1 Corinthians 1:18).

We quote here a thought by Bill Crowder of the "Our Daily Bread" staff -- "The thrust of the Apostle Paul's teaching in this text is found in contrasting wisdom and foolishness. Specifically, he challenges us to see that while men might call God's wisdom foolishness, the wisdom of the Cross is the only real solution for the human condition. True foolishness is the heart that rejects Christ Crucified" (vs.23).

Today, one child's parents in the Public Schools of America can force all the others to lose their privilege of Prayer, the Reading of the Bible, or the display of a Cross on their person or on their books -- THIS IS NOT DEMOCRACY! We elect our public officials by majority rule, we make major decisions in the local townships and districts by majority vote, and we have our rights protected by the Constitution -- and yet -- the ACLU, or one upset parent, can overrule the majority by bringing a costly law suit that could bankrupt any opposition -- THIS IS NOT RIGHT!

God gave His only Son to die on a Cross to give us Freedom and Salvation (John 3:16) -- the Cross has always been the emblem of right versus wrong -- the emblem of respect -- the emblem of honoring the heroes.

The sinless Christ died on the Cross of Calvary to make atonement for OUR sins. His Victory over the grave and His Resurrection was the ultimate defeat of the devil -- and our Hope and Blessed Assurance for the very same Victory.

The Cross, a symbol of cruel punishment for crime, paved the way for you and I to spend Eternity in God's Perfect Heaven with our sin slate wiped clean by His Blood.

Finally -- Jesus proclaimed -- "Therefore does My Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again. No man takes it from Me, but I lay it down by Myself. I have the power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received from My Father" (John 10:17,18).

NOTHING SPEAKS MORE CLEARLY OF GOD'S LOVE THAN THE CROSS!

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