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THREE CRUCIFIXIONS

*Cross of: 1. Salvation.
2. Surrender. 21.
3. Shame.

INT:

CRUCIFIXION, one of 4 cardinal points of the gospel of Christ. * I Cor. 15:1-8;

JESUS: Died. Buried. Rose again. Seen of witness

Restudy it to refresh our memories. V. 2.

Rom. 1:16-17. Power of the gospel is remembering and obeying the Will of God! *Gratitude.*

Three crucifixions listed in the New Testament*
(CROSSES) *SALVATION!*

I. THE DEATH OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS-GOLGOTHA.

A. ORIGIN: Phoenicians, seafarers, cruel, coarse, heartless and brutal.

PURPOSE: Punishment in social control.

Unanimously considered the most-horrible form of death in world! *Involved*: prolonged suffering, agony and slow creeping death.

Often victim suffered exposure, *[redacted]* thirst hunger, shock and exhaustion, as well as mental and emotional stress and strain.

PROCEDURE: Preced crucifixion with a brutal scourging. Mockery: Crown & robe. Force the victim to carry his own cross-increases the sense of punishment deserved.

At the hill the body was nailed, hands and feet to the T-frame and the base was inserted into a hole in the rock.

SOMETIMES: Life lingered for days and finally the body died and rotted on the cross and was finally eaten by vultures.

LESSON: The terribleness of crime and the shame of lawlessness. Gal. 3:13. Heb. 12:1-2.

VICTIMS: Crucifixion to vile a death for Romans. Reserved for: Foreigners, rebels, slaves & thieves. *Greatest reproach for lowest!!!*

NECESSITY: *Prophecies* *Card.*

1. Heb. 9:22. Blood sacrifice mandatory for the removal of sin.
2. Man is unqualified to save himself. R.3:23
3. Heb. 10:4. Blood of bulls & goats cannot take away sins!
4. Answer is in John 1:29. Lamb of God!

CONCLUSION: Without the Crucifixion, man would have no hope to be with God in Heaven forever

*ON HI WAY.
OUTSIDE CITY.
Hideous.
Horrible.*

Second crucifixion: *Death of sin in ones & SURRENDER*

II. THE CHRISTIAN CRUCIFIES THE FLESH WHEN HE OBEYS THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. *Romans 6:1-8.

Matt. 16:24-26

1. V. 1-2. When we accept Christ we REJECT sin!
2. V. 3-4. Died in baptism to flesh, Lust & sin.
3. V. 5-6. Baptized believers are freed from sin.
4. V. 7-8. Separated FROM sin; TO CHRIST!!!
5. Paul died this way: *Gal. 2:20.
He so teaches: *Gal. 5:24-26. Also: *Gal. 6:14.

CONCLUSION: When I come into God's Kingdom I truly DIE (crucified) to the love of sin. II Cor. 5:17
NEW!

Third crucifixion: **SHAME!**

III. THE CHRISTIAN CRUCIFIES JESUS (kills His influence) WHEN HE IS NOT A FAITHFUL DISCIPLE.

1. *Hebrews 6:1-6. Tragic results:
 - a. Unfaithful Christian reflects unfavorably against God. John 3:16. Ignore His gift.
 - b. Reflects unfavorably against Christ. Put Him to an open shame! Unbelieving world makes the most of poor disciples!
 - c. Church of Christ put at a great disadvantage. World judges church by its members. *Well expressed by this poem:*

III. * YOU ARE PREACHING!!! (attached)

INV. If NOT a Christian, will you let Jesus' Crucifixion be IN VAIN for you????
Acts 22:16. Our plea.

If Christian life not teaching the RIGHT message, need to change life and change the message? Acts 8:22.

Identify.

YOU ARE PREACHING

There isn't a word that the preacher can say,
No matter how scriptural or true,
Nor is there a prayer that his eager lips pray,
That can preach such a sermon as YOU.

You vowed to serve Christ, and men know that you did!
They'er watching the things that you DO!
There isn't one action of yours that is hid,
Men are watching and studying you.

You say: "I'm no preacher!" Yes, but you preach
Some powerful sermon each day,
The acts in your life are the things that you teach,
It isn't the things that you say!

So, Christians: You are examples men praise or blame,
Judging Jesus by the things YOU do,
You bring the Lord praise or you bring the Lord shame,
The world judges ALL Christians by you.