



# Present Day Idols: The Crucifix and the Christian Cross

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This article is going to be very difficult for many people to stomach and to comprehend as they have been taught over the centuries that what Jesus did on the cross was significant and that we should commemorate what he did by constantly showing Him on a cross. This is the thinking of lunatics, as you will see shortly.

To really understand what is being said here, let's take a look at what crucifixion really was, and what it really represented. So, let's go to Wikipedia to see what it says:

**Crucifixion** is a method of capital punishment in which the victim is tied or nailed to a large wooden beam and left to hang for several days until eventual death from exhaustion and asphyxiation. The crucifixion of Jesus is a central narrative in Christianity, and the cross (sometimes depicting Jesus nailed onto it) is the main religious symbol for many Christian churches.

Crucifixion was most often performed to dissuade its witnesses from perpetrating similar (usually particularly heinous) crimes. Victims were sometimes left on display after death as a warning to any other potential criminals. **Crucifixion was usually intended to provide a death that was particularly slow, painful (hence the term excruciating, literally "out of crucifying"), gruesome, humiliating, and public, using whatever means were most expedient for that goal.** Crucifixion methods varied considerably with location and time period.

The Greek and Latin words corresponding to "crucifixion" applied to many different forms of painful execution, including being impaled on a stake, or affixed to a tree, upright pole (a crux simplex), or (most famous now) to a combination of an upright (in Latin, stipes) and a crossbeam (in Latin, patibulum). Seneca the Younger wrote: "I see crosses there, not just of one kind but made in many different ways: some have their victims with head down to the ground; some impale their private parts; others stretch out their arms on the gibbet".

In some cases, the condemned was forced to carry the crossbeam to the place of execution. A whole cross would weigh well over 135 kg (300 lb), but the crossbeam would not be quite as burdensome, weighing around 45 kg (100 lb). The Roman historian Tacitus records that the city of Rome had a specific place for carrying out executions, situated outside the Esquiline Gate, and had a specific area reserved for the execution of slaves by crucifixion. Upright posts would presumably be fixed permanently in that place, and the crossbeam, with the condemned person perhaps already nailed to it, would then be attached to the post.

The person executed may have been attached to the cross by rope, though nails and other sharp materials are mentioned in a passage by the Judean historian Josephus, where he states that at the Siege of Jerusalem, "the soldiers out of rage

and hatred, nailed those they caught, one after one way, and another after another, to the crosses, by way of jest". Objects used in the crucifixion of criminals, such as nails, were sought as amulets with perceived medicinal qualities.

While a crucifixion was an execution, it was also a humiliation, by making the condemned as vulnerable as possible. Although artists have traditionally depicted the figure on a cross with a loin cloth or a covering of the genitals, the person being crucified was usually stripped naked. Writings by Seneca the Younger state some victims suffered a stick forced upwards through their groin. Despite its frequent use by the Romans, the horrors of crucifixion did not escape criticism by some eminent Roman orators. Cicero, for example, described crucifixion as "a most cruel and disgusting punishment", and suggested that "the very mention of the cross should be far removed not only from a Roman citizen's body, but from his mind, his eyes, his ears". Elsewhere he says, "It is a crime to bind a Roman citizen; to scourge him is a wickedness; to put him to death is almost parricide. What shall I say of crucifying him? So guilty an action cannot by any possibility be adequately expressed by any name bad enough for it."

Frequently, the legs of the person executed were broken or shattered with an iron club, an act called *crurifragium*, which was also frequently applied without crucifixion to slaves. This act hastened the death of the person but was also meant to deter those who observed the crucifixion from committing offenses.

Did you catch that, Christian? **Crucifixion is public humiliation, shame and the display of that shame and humiliation for a person who was convicted of a capital crime.** Let's look a little further into the history of crucifixion, as again seen in Wikipedia:

**Crucifixion was intended to be a gruesome spectacle:** the most painful and humiliating death imaginable. It was used to punish slaves, pirates, and enemies of the state. It was originally reserved for slaves (hence still called "*supplicium servile*" by Seneca), and later extended to citizens of the lower classes (*humiliores*). **The victims of crucifixion were stripped naked and put on public display while they were slowly tortured to death so that they would serve as a spectacle and an example.**

According to Roman law, if a slave killed his or her master, all of the master's slaves would be crucified as punishment. Both men and women were crucified. Tacitus writes in his *Annals* that when Lucius Pedanius Secundus was murdered by a slave, some in the Senate tried to prevent the mass crucifixion of four hundred of his slaves because there were so many women and children, but in the end tradition prevailed and they were all executed. Although not conclusive evidence for female

crucifixion by itself, the most ancient image of a Roman crucifixion may depict a crucified woman, whether real or imaginary. **Crucifixion was such a gruesome and humiliating way to die that the subject was somewhat of a taboo in Roman culture, and few crucifixions were specifically documented.** One of the only specific female crucifixions we have documented is that of Ida, a freedwoman (former slave) who was crucified by order of Tiberius.

Let's go further and look at the process. Again, from Wikipedia:

**Crucifixion was typically carried out by specialized teams, consisting of a commanding centurion and his soldiers.** First, the condemned would be **stripped naked and scourged.**

Let's define what **scourged** is before we go on:

noun

1. a person who harasses, punishes, or causes destruction
2. a means of inflicting punishment or suffering
3. a whip used for inflicting punishment or torture

verb (*tr*)

1. to whip; flog
2. to punish severely

OK, now that you know what being scourged is, let's continue with what Wikipedia has to say about the crucifixion process:

This would cause the person to lose a large amount of blood, and approach a state of shock. The convict then usually had to carry the horizontal beam (*patibulum* in Latin) to the place of execution, but not necessarily the whole cross.

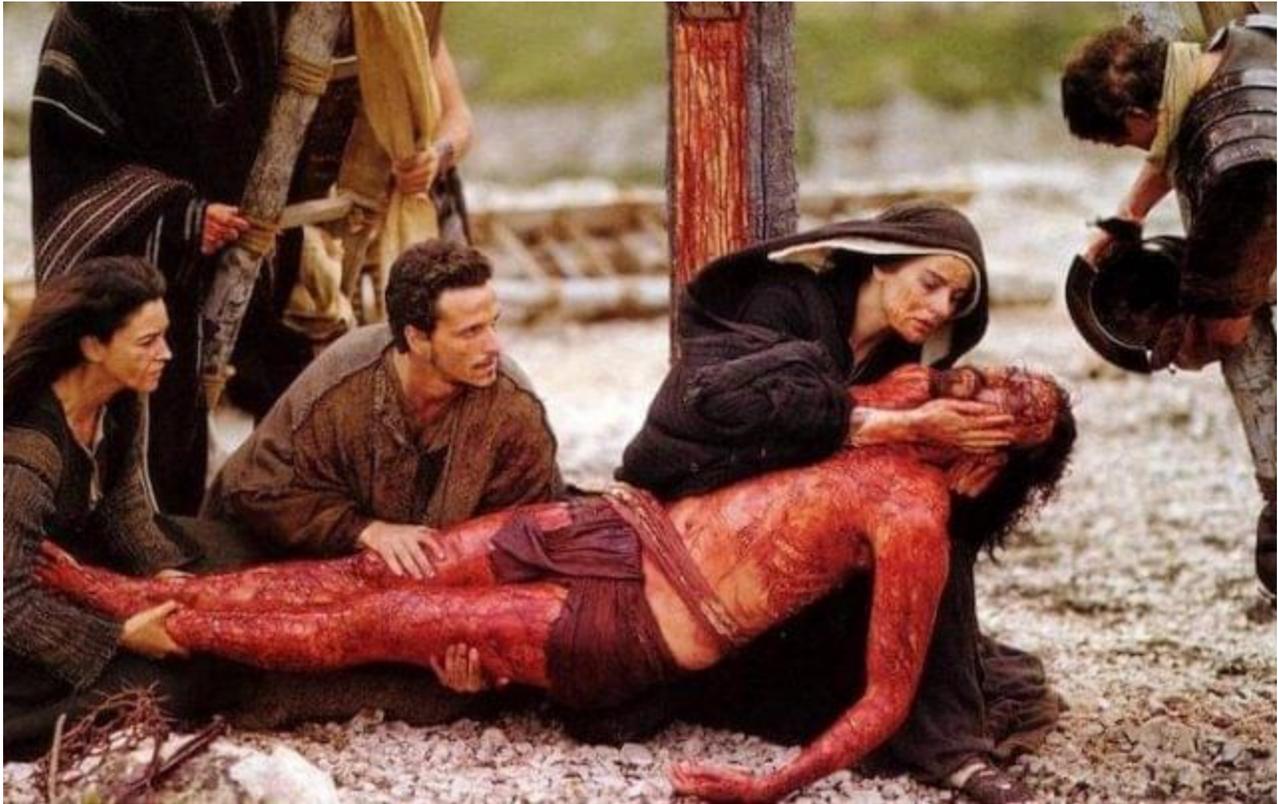
During the death march, the prisoner, **probably still nude after the scourging**, would be led through the most crowded streets bearing a *titulus* — a sign board proclaiming the prisoner's name and crime. Upon arrival at the place of execution, selected to be especially public, the convict would be stripped of any remaining clothing, then nailed to the cross naked. If the crucifixion took place in an established place of execution, the vertical beam (*stipes*) might be permanently embedded in the ground. In this case, the condemned person's wrists would first be nailed to the *patibulum*, and then he or she would be hoisted off the ground with ropes to hang from the elevated *patibulum* while it was fastened to the *stipes*. Next the feet or ankles would be nailed to the upright stake. The 'nails' were tapered iron

spikes approximately 5 to 7 inches (13 to 18 cm) long, with a square shaft 3/8 inch (10 mm) across. The titulus would also be fastened to the cross to notify onlookers of the person's name and crime as they hung on the cross, further maximizing the public impact.

There may have been considerable variation in the position in which prisoners were nailed to their crosses and how their bodies were supported while they died. Seneca the Younger recounts: "I see crosses there, not just of one kind but made in many different ways: some have their victims with head down to the ground; some impale their private parts; others stretch out their arms on the gibbet." One source claims that for Jews (apparently not for others), a man would be crucified with his back to the cross as is traditionally depicted, while a woman would be nailed facing her cross, probably with her back to onlookers, or at least with the stipes providing some semblance of modesty if viewed from the front. Such concessions were "unique" and not made outside a Jewish context. Several sources mention some sort of seat fastened to the stipes to help support the person's body, thereby prolonging the person's suffering and humiliation by preventing the asphyxiation caused by hanging without support. Justin Martyr calls the seat a cornu, or "horn," leading some scholars to believe it may have had a pointed shape designed to torment the crucified person. This would be consistent with Seneca's observation of victims with their private parts impaled.

In Roman-style crucifixion, the condemned could take up to a few days to die, but death was sometimes hastened by human action. **"The attending Roman guards could leave the site only after the victim had died, and were known to precipitate death by means of deliberate fracturing of the tibia and/or fibula, spear stab wounds into the heart, sharp blows to the front of the chest, or a smoking fire built at the foot of the cross to asphyxiate the victim."** The Romans sometimes broke the prisoner's legs to hasten death and usually forbade burial. On the other hand, the person was often deliberately **kept alive as long as possible to prolong their suffering and humiliation, so as to provide the maximum deterrent effect.** Corpses of the crucified were typically left on the crosses to decompose and be eaten by animals.

So, we can see that crucifixion is a process of DELIBERATE Humiliation and shaming of the person who has been convicted and sentenced for their crimes. I have highlighted the relevant parts of the crucifixion process so you can see how brutal and inhumane it was. All of this is going to make sense in a second, so please bear with me.



In the Bible, you can see that the cross was a place of shame and humiliation. Remember – **the person(s) being crucified were nailed to this cross and stripped naked, as they died a humiliating and excruciatingly painful death.** The cross is NOT something to be celebrated, as it was a horrific way to be punished.

Now, let's talk about how our Lord and Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, was humiliated and shamed on the cross, as he was scourged (whipped and beaten) and then nailed to this cross. By the time He was nailed to the cross, Jesus was a meaty, bloody pulp that used to be a man, buck naked, with his pickle hanging out, half dead, with the meat on his body hanging off by shards of sinew.

Here is a man that did NOTHING to justify His being punished, but was lied on by the religious leaders who didn't like Jesus because He spoke against their practices that made them look good to the people and made them rich. It was those people, who gave a false witness, who killed the Lord Jesus Christ (with help from the Roman Government). What does the Bible say about a false witness?

**Exodus 20:16** - Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

**Deuteronomy 5:20** - Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour.

**Proverbs 14:5** - A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.

**Proverbs 19:5** - A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape.

**Malachi 3:5** - And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

As you know, Judas Iscariot bore false witness against the Lord Jesus Christ, and you know what happened to Him. The Pharisees bore false witness against the Lord Jesus Christ, and the result was a curse on them and their children, as they mentioned from their own mouths, as you can see in scripture here:

**Matthew 27:17-25** - 17 Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified. When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.



The Lord was then given over to the crowd, and He was crucified. They beat Him first (they called it scourging or examining in those days), then the nailed him to a cross, stripped him naked, and then left him in the open to die.

Now, if you think that was glamorous, then you are insane.

Today, we see people, in the Catholic Church especially, walking around with a caricature of the Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross calling that HOLY. That is insanity, because we have just shown you that anyone who had been crucified was stripped naked and humiliated. Jesus was actually there, naked, with his pickle out for his humiliation, and He did that so we can be free of this evil world IF we follow Him.

I have gone through all of this history to show that being crucified was a humiliation, and the Lord Jesus Christ

was humiliated as an innocent man so that he could beat death and overcome it. This is the work on the cross that the Lord was sent to do by His Father, the Lord of Hosts. **Killing Jesus was a violation of the Laws of the Universe, as He committed NO sin.** It was this act that gave the Lord of Hosts the Legal right to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ to His right hand as the king of Kings and the Lord of Lords. He suffered and died so He could bring all of the people who deserved the punishment He bore to Him so He could bring them back into right standing with the Lord of Hosts, His father.

This plan made perfect sense, and it is brilliant.

Now, let's show you that the Bible does tell us that the cross was a place of shame. See scripture here:

**Hebrews 12:2** - Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him **endured the cross, despising the shame**, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

And we see that we are to nail to the cross OUR shame to the cross, as you can see in scripture here:

**Colossians 2:11-15** - In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; **Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;** And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Notice that by what Jesus did on the cross, we are to follow our Lord's lead. Not only did the Lord take on OUR sin, but didn't He nail those sins to His cross? Aren't we encouraged to do the same? Notice this phrase in the scripture:

**Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;**

So why are we nailing our sins to the cross? As we have just shown, that is a simile for the crucifixion of all of us, as Jesus takes our sins and puts those sins to an open shame as He nails them to His cross. **The cross is a place of shame and humiliation**, and only criminals are sentenced to serve their punishment there. Since Jesus has already done this for us, we just have to nail our sins to OUR cross and He takes it from there.

So what significance do these scriptures hold for those who follow Christ? Let's take a look:

**Matthew 16:24** - Then said Jesus unto his disciples, **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.**

- What did Jesus mean when He said that we are to **take up our cross and follow Him**?
- **What cross do we have** that we need to 'take it up daily'?

Our sins are nailed to OUR cross because we have sins, and those sins are OUR shame

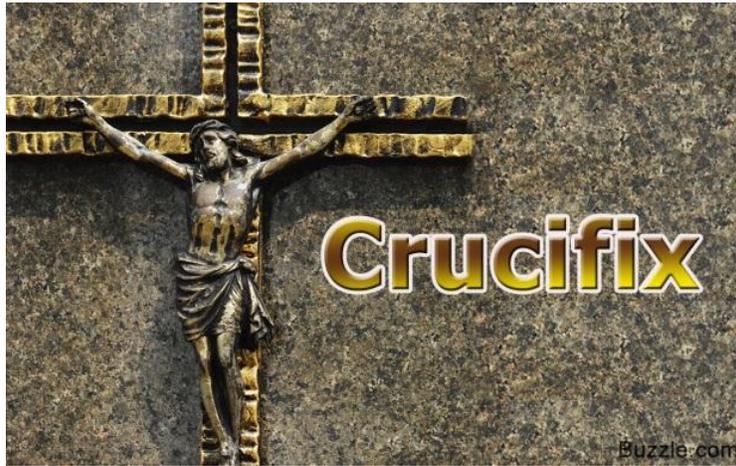


and OUR humiliation that we are displaying for the entire universe to see. By doing this, Jesus says to us, **“OK, I see your sins, and I have paid for them. I’ll take your sins and make you whole and righteous in Me”**. Jesus is having us do this **DAILY** because we are **NOT** fully sanctified, and as we go through the process of sanctification, we find new sins that we have

to deal with **DAILY**. Again, this clearly shows that the **Once Saved, Always Saved** doctrine is a lie because Jesus is requiring us to **nail our sins on OUR cross DAILY so He can absolve them** by His paying for those sins when He was crucified.



Confused? This is not hard to understand, Christian, but people make it hard.



So, all of that was said to show you this – Crucifixes are an idol from the very pits of hell.

Why am I saying that?



The crucifix is regarded by the Roman Catholic Church as something to celebrate, something that is venerated and sacred, as a remembrance of what the Lord Jesus Christ did for us on the cross, when it is really mocking the Lord Jesus Christ by the devil himself, as he wants to humiliate and shame the Lord Jesus Christ over and over again and get you to agree with him as you worship this

thing. If you worship the crucifix by stating that ‘this is a Christian symbol’, you are putting the Lord Jesus Christ to an open shame over and over again.

No, you say, that is not true.

Actually, Christian, it is.

We just went through how **the cross is a place of humiliation and shame**, didn't we? So why are you walking around with the symbol of Christ's humiliation and shame, deluding yourself into saying that this is a ‘good thing’ in Christ? What did the Lord tell you about calling evil ‘good’ and good ‘evil’?

**Isaiah 5:20** - Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

**Isaiah 5:25** - Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

Uh Oh, Christian, you have some ‘splanin’ to do!!

Can you now see WHY the Lord Jesus Christ and His Father, the Lord of Hosts are angry with all of those who parade around with an effigy of Jesus, naked and humiliated on a stick, calling that Holy? Many of you in the Catholic Church who say you 'love' Jesus, but you have been humiliating Him by hanging these idols in your home and in the churches!!

But it gets worse.



The devil figured that someone like me would figure out what he is doing, so he decided to make a symbol for the 'Christians' by taking Jesus off of the cross, making the cross a cool, hip, fashionable item that will represent Jesus and Christians.

Wrong, Christian.

**The cross STILL represents shame and humiliation**, so if you are wearing a cross around your neck, or if you have a ring, you are still telling the universe that **you are proud of the shame and humiliation that the cross really represents**. Anyone who reveres or worships this idol has yoked themselves to the world, as the world hates Jesus anyway, and that 'cross' you wear and worship is a reminder to the universe **that you LOVE the SHAME and HUMILIATION that the cross represents**.

Is that representative of the Lord Jesus Christ whom you profess to follow?

That cross is an IDOL, and many of you are walking around worshipping an IDOL and you do not even know it.



Look around you, Christian. Almost every rapper and music star is walking around with golden and jeweled crosses.

WHY?

Do you REALLY think that these people are honouring Jesus?

How is it that these rappers, who are Satanists, are wearing a symbol of Jesus and Christianity when they don't even believe in Jesus? **Can't you see that they are mocking Jesus?** Can't you see that they are displaying these crosses because they know that the cross is a place of humiliation and shame? Can't you see that these rappers and music stars **are causing YOU to shame and humiliate Jesus as you follow what they do?** Can't you see that this idol is a 'fashion piece' that has no meaning to the rappers and music stars who wear them?

You need to wake up, Christian. All that you

see is NOT what it seems.

Many of these Satanists in the music industry wear the cross because they believe that the cross gives them God's protection, and many of you follow suit because you are ignorant of what the cross really means. You are following what 'they' do, listening what 'they' say, and you are going to be damned with 'them' because you did not find out for yourself.

Now, Christian, I do NOT condemn you because you didn't know better, as writing this article was VERY difficult and a lot of research went into this. Now that you have heard, **it is your responsibility to go the Lord Jesus Christ yourself and ask Him if what you are reading is true.** Sit with Jesus and ask Him to explain this so you will be able to understand this better. I have just scratched the surface, Christian, and this is just the tip of the iceberg. The devil has set things up here so will be damned when you are judged when you die.

Can you imagine Jesus asking you why you are worshipping an idol of humiliation and shame, **thinking that you are serving Him?**



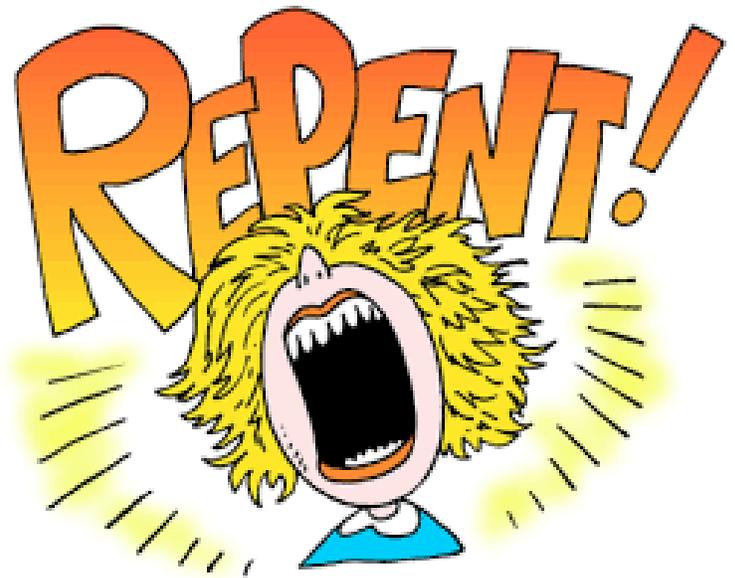
Jesus is going to send you to where your allegiance is when you are judged, and if your allegiance is to your idol, the god behind that idol is who He is going to send you to be with forever.

Imagine the shock on people's faces when they find out that what they THOUGHT was of the Lord Jesus Christ actually was a trick of the devil. Now they are in hell for eternity because their allegiance was to the devil and they did not even know it.

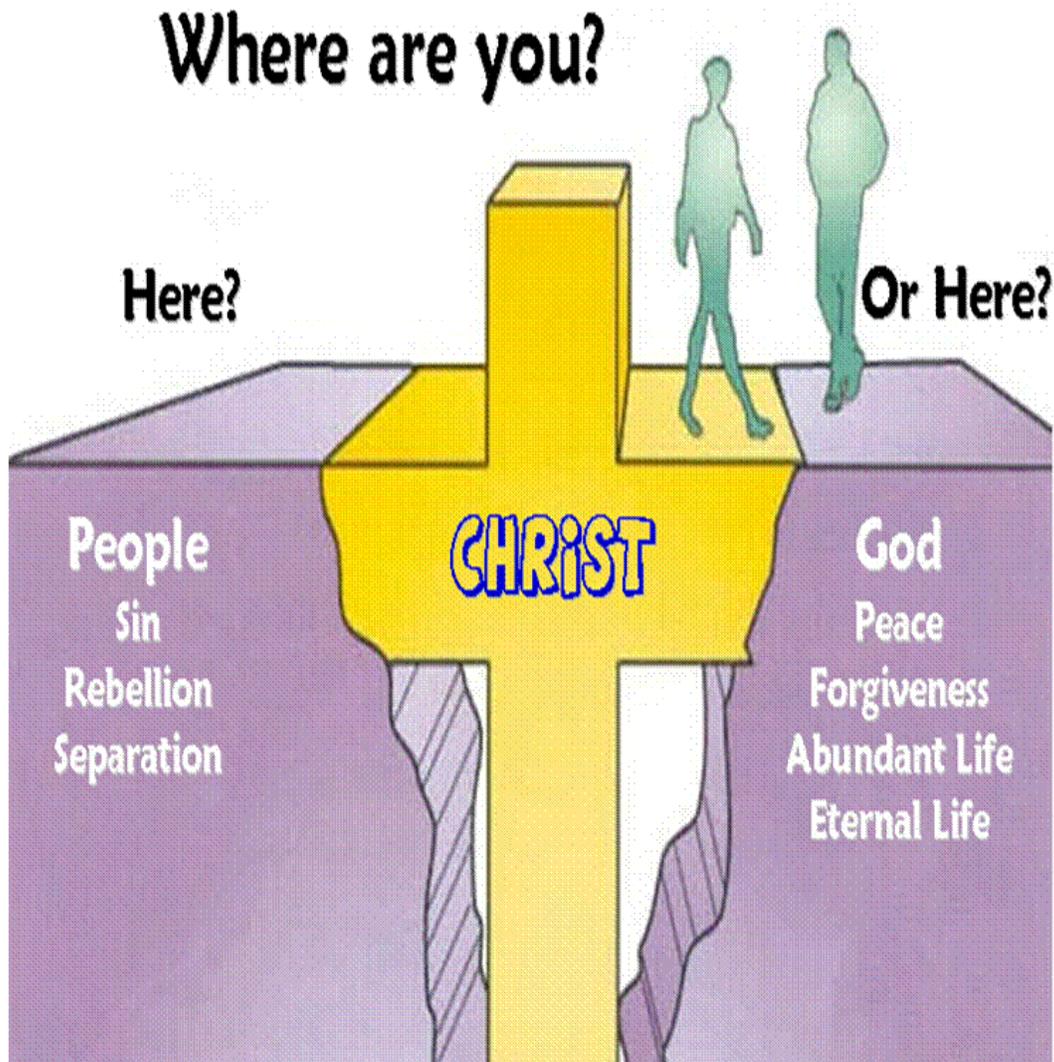
This is the reason why people like me are writing these articles exposing this stuff so that you have time to get with Jesus and clear all of

your demonic ideals from you, nailing them to the cross daily so you can be truly for Him and with Him when you die.

Repent and turn away from this evil, Christian. You really need to question EVERYTHING that you see down here, and you will see than much of what you THINK is of the Lord Jesus Christ is not. All of what 'they say' is false, and the devil is behind much of what 'they' are saying. The devil is a master at getting people to follow the crowd to do what 'they' say, follow what 'they' tell you, get you to conform to what 'they' tell you to conform to, and to forsake the Lord Jesus Christ who is the ONLY ONE who can save you from a burning hell.



Above all – get rid of those cross pendants and anything that is a cross from being around you. Keep in mind that you do not serve Jesus when you parade around with a symbol of his very public and brutal humiliation at the hands of the Jews who kill Him 2000 years ago.



Seek Jesus out and make sure that you have been in the faith, and ask Jesus to point out any issues that you may have. Know, Christian, that **YOUR** salvation is **YOUR** responsibility, and **YOU** need to get **YOUR** Bible, **YOUR** concordance, **YOUR** dictionary, **YOUR** pad, **YOUR** pencil, and then go to Jesus and **work on YOUR salvation** with fear and trembling. The 'fear' here means **reverence, awe and respect**, not literal fear, **even though once you realize the scope of what Jesus will judge you on, you WILL be afraid.**

Just talk with the Lord who is going to either let you into the Kingdom of God or exclude from being able to get into the Kingdom of God. **The Lord Jesus Christ is giving all of us the answers to the test**, so why would you NOT go to Him directly and get what you need so you can make sure you CAN pass the test when you die and are judged?



## Here is Our Challenge to all of you:

We challenge you to go to Jesus directly **RIGHT NOW** and ask Him if what is shown here is true. Use this as a means to start a conversation with The Lord Jesus Christ and sit with Him and ask Him questions. Start with **(asking out loud):**

**“Jesus, is what I just read true?”**

He will answer you, Christian; use this as an opportunity to start the conversation with the Lord Jesus Christ. Keep talking with Him. Get to know Him and He will start to reveal Himself to you.

You need to find out for yourself if what you support or believe is true, and what better way to find out than to ask the Lord Himself? You need to find out for yourself and work out **YOUR** salvation for **YOU**, as the scriptures tell us to.