

# THE CROSS OF CHRIST

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1. The Cross is ugly
2. The Cross is beautiful
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1. The Cross is ugly

JOHN 19: 1 (ESV)

So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him.

## LUKE 22: 63 – 65 (ESV)

<sup>63</sup>Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. <sup>64</sup>They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, “Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?” <sup>65</sup>And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

ISAIAH 52: 14 (NIV)

Just as there were many who were appalled at him - his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness



2. The Cross is beautiful



JOHN 3: 16 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal  
life.

JOHN 15: 13 (ESV)

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

COLOSSIANS 2: 13 – 14 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup>When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,

## COLOSSIANS 2: 13 – 14 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup>having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

EPHESIANS 2: 14 (ESV)

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.



It is a thing most wonderful,  
almost too wonderful to be,  
that God's own Son should come from heav'n,  
and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:  
He chose a poor and humble lot,  
and wept and toiled and mourned and died  
for love of those who loved Him not.





I cannot tell how He could love  
a child so weak and full of sin;  
His love must be most wonderful  
if He could die my love to win.

I sometimes think about the cross,  
and shut my eyes, and try to see  
the cruel nails and crown of thorns,  
and Jesus crucified for me.



But even could I see Him die,  
I could but see a little part  
of that great love which, like a fire,  
is always burning in His heart.

It is most wonderful to know  
His love for me so free and sure;  
but 'tis more wonderful to see  
my love for Him so faint and poor.



And yet I want to love Thee, Lord;  
O light the flame within my heart,  
and I will love Thee more and more,  
until I see Thee as Thou art.

**It Is A Thing Most Wonderful**  
- William Walsham How -





3. The Cross gives us hope

GENESIS 3: 15 (ESV)

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

JOHN 19: 30 (ESV)

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.



## ROMANS 7: 21 – 25 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

## ROMANS 7: 21 – 25 (ESV)

<sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.



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