

19) How does someone belong to Jesus?

20) What is the result of belonging to Jesus?

**Galatians 6:14 (GW)** <sup>14</sup> But it's unthinkable that I could ever brag about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his cross my relationship to the world and its relationship to me have been crucified.

21) Why does Paul want to brag about Christ's crucifixion?

22) What is crucified in us with Christ?

23) How does understanding the cross and the power of crucifixion help us in our daily lives?

## The Old Rugged Cross

### The Cross

**Genesis 3:15 (GW)** <sup>15</sup> I will make you and the woman hostile toward each other. I will make your descendants and her descendant hostile toward each other. He will crush your head, and you will bruise his heel."

1) Who was God speaking to?

2) Who was God speaking about?

3) How will the serpent bruise the Descendant's heel?

4) How will the Descendant crush the serpent's head?

**Exodus 12:5-9 (GW)** <sup>5</sup> Your animal must be a one-year-old male that has no defects. You may choose a lamb or a young goat. <sup>6</sup>Take care of it until the fourteenth <sub>1</sub>day<sub>1</sub> of this month. "Then at dusk, all the assembled people from the community of Israel must slaughter their animals. <sup>7</sup>They must take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they will eat the animals. <sup>8</sup>The meat must be eaten that same night. It must be roasted over a fire and eaten with bitter herbs and unleavened bread. <sup>9</sup>Don't eat any of it raw or boiled but roast the whole animal over a fire.

5) What qualifications were needed for the Passover lamb?

6) How was the lamb to be prepared?

**Deuteronomy 21:22-23 (ESV)** <sup>22</sup>“And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, <sup>23</sup>his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God. You shall not defile your land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance.

7) Why do you think God didn't want dead bodies to remain hanging on trees over night?

**Galatians 3:13 (GW)** <sup>13</sup> Christ paid the price to free us from the curse that the laws in Moses' Teachings bring by becoming cursed instead of us. Scripture says, “Everyone who is hung on a tree is cursed.”

8) How was Jesus hung on a tree?

9) How was Jesus cursed?

10) How did this lift the curse from us?

**Psalms 22:14-15 (GW)** <sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart is like wax. It has melted within me. <sup>15</sup> My strength is dried up like pieces of broken pottery. My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You lay me down in the dust of death.

11) When did Jesus experience these things?

**Psalms 22:16-18 (GW)** <sup>16</sup> Dogs have surrounded me. A mob has encircled me. They have pierced my hands and feet. <sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones. People stare. They gloat over me. <sup>18</sup> They divide my clothes among themselves. They throw dice for my clothing.

12) When did this happen to Jesus?

13) Crucifixion came hundreds of years after the writing of Psalm 22. How can this Psalm be pointing us towards the crucifixion of Jesus?

### **The Power of Christ's Crucifixion**

**1 Corinthians 2:2 (GW)** <sup>2</sup> While I was with you, I decided to deal with only one subject—Jesus Christ, who was crucified.

14) What was the message that Paul preached? Why?

**Romans 6:6-7** <sup>6</sup> We know that the person we used to be was crucified with him to put an end to sin in our bodies. Because of this we are no longer slaves to sin. <sup>7</sup> The person who has died has been freed from sin.

15) How does Christ's crucifixion become ours?

16) What is the benefit for us?

**Galatians 2:19-20 (GW)** <sup>19</sup> When I tried to obey the laws in the Scriptures, those laws killed me. As a result, I live in a relationship with God. I have been crucified with Christ. <sup>20</sup> I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live I live by believing in God's Son, who loved me and took the punishment for my sins.

17) What was the result of Paul's trying to earn his way into heaven?

18) What is the result of his being crucified with Christ?

**Galatians 5:24 (GW)** <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their corrupt nature along with its passions and desires.