

THE CROSS

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When people read about the cross of Jesus some people tend to think they've heard it all before. They then quickly move on to a more compelling bit of FB news, politics or drama. I will endeavor to add something of interest concerning the sacrifice of the Lamb of God that you may or may not know.

- Did you know the Bible says Jesus was the lamb slain from the foundation of the world? Rev. 13:8 God had a plan and the theme of salvation was carried all throughout Genesis to Revelation. Types and shadows of Jesus in every book of the OT.
 - In Exodus 12, God instructed each household to take a spotless lamb into their home for 14 days. During this time, I'm sure the family grew very fond of the little baby.....then it was sacrificed. How horrifying for the children, don't you think? After it's death God instructed the blood of the lamb be put on the lintel and doorposts of the home. The meat of the lamb was roasted with fire (not boiled with water) and eaten with bitter herbs and unleavened bread. Every part of the Passover represented Jesus life, death, burial and resurrection. I like the fact that the lamb was roasted by fire and not boiled. Fire always gives flavor...water weakens. Fire burns...water quenches.
 - Did you know that Jesus shed His blood 7 times to deliver us from the curse of the law of sin and death? The number 7 represents finished work...."On the cross Jesus declared " it is finished" John 19:30
1. IN THE GARDEN while praying, His sweat mixed with blood. In the garden Jesus gave His will to the Father...in the garden Adam rebelled against God's will. Luke 22:44
 2. BY HIS STRIPES we were healed. Jesus took 39 stripes for the healing of diseases... there are only 39 disease categories in the world. Jesus blood covers each one.
 3. BEATEN AND BRUISED....He bled for the iniquity of our inherited sins. The bruising is blood underneath the skin...which stands for hidden sins. Isaiah 53:5



4. CROWN OF THORNS.....He shed blood on His brow delivering us from the curse of poverty. Genesis 3:19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.
5. SPIKES IN HIS HANDS.....the hands represent authority. By shedding blood from His hands He freely returned to us the authority Adam lost by his sin of rebellion. Matthew 16:19
6. SPIKES IN HIS FEET..... Wherever your feet tread you will possess the land in Jesus name. Taking back territories belonging to His believers. Joshua 1:3
7. SPEAR IN HIS SIDE.....This act of piercing caused His heart to burst...signifying that we are redeemed even from a broken heart. Psalm 147:3

Every area in which Jesus bled was for our 'shalom'...our redemption! Without the shedding of blood there is no redemption of sin. We were put back in authority and right standing by His supreme sacrifice. Yes, in every area of our lives, from the crown of our heads to the bottom of our feet, Jesus RESTORED US TO WHOLENESS!