**SEEING THE CROSS THROUGH THE LENS OF JESUS**

**We need to see the cross of Jesus, uncluttered by the traditions of men.**
**The cross is where the Lamb of God gained the right to take away the sins of the world. John 1:29**
**The cross is where Jesus defeated and condemned sin to eventual extermination. Romans 8:3**
**The cross is where Jesus defeated all wickedness. Colossians 2:15**
**The cross is where God forgives us freely even though we killed Jesus. 2 Corinthians 5:19**
**The cross is where Jesus, the last Adam, became the Substitute and by one act of righteousness, sinless death, brought justification and life to all men. Romans 5:18**
**The cross is where the obedience of Jesus brought many to be made righteous. Romans 5:19**

**God was in Christ on the cross, reconciling the world to Himself, not counting our sins against us. 2 Corinthians 5:19**
**At the cross, God freely forgives all sin provisionally, for all men.**
**Believers are judicially reconciled and judicially forgiven of all sin through the indwelling life of resurrected Jesus. Romans 5:9,10**
**Jesus died for our sins according to the Scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15:3**
**While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8**
**Jesus suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous. 1 Peter 3:18**

**God sent His own Son in the likeness of sinful man as an offering for sin. And He condemned sin in the flesh [subdued it and overcame it in the person of His own Son], Romans 8:3b**
**For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. Rom. 3:25**
**Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins, and not only ours, but the sins of all the world's people. 1 John 2:2**
**Christ takes away the sin of the believer by making us into new creations. 2 Corinthians 5:17**
**God presented Jesus as the offering for sin's defeat and the provision for making believers righteous through the indwelling of His resurrected life. Romans 8:3 2 Corinthians 5:21 Romans 5:10**
**The believer made righteous by His blood means that through Jesus' death and resurrection, new life indwells the believer, and His resurrection life produces acts of righteousness. Romans 5:9 Galatians 5:22-26**