

CROSS - The most painful and degrading form of capital punishment in the ancient world.

1 Cor. 1:17-18

For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in cleverness of speech, so that **the cross of Christ** would not be made void. For **the word of the cross** is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Crucifixion The cross became the means by which Jesus became the atoning sacrifice for the sins of all mankind.

Personal Application: The putting off of the flesh with its passions and lusts – the putting on of Jesus.

Ephesians **put on** the new self... **Put on** the full armor of God

Colossians **put on** the brand-new nature that is being renewed in Christ...

put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience...

put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

Redemption The recalling of captives (sinners) from captivity (sin) through the payment of a ransom made for them.

Ephes. 1:7 Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah, his blood poured out on the altar of the Cross, we're a redeemed - free people – free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. Abundantly free!

Optimism - The opinion that every thing in nature is ordered for the best...**HOPE**

Hebrews 12:2 fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and **has sat down** at the right hand of the throne of God.

True Hope is found in the Resurrected Christ!

John 11:25 Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies..."

Salvation – deliverance from & deliverance to... a price paid for.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, **saving everyone who believes**—Jews first and also Gentiles.

Surrender - To deliver power over to someone else. Releasing Authority!

Matthew 28:18 Jesus said: "I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth."