

The Cross Of Many Colors

(Galatians 6:14)

- Introduction:
1. Upon first glance, one might think that the above title is a misquote that should read, "The coat of many colors."
 2. However, in this lesson we do want to look at the different colors of the cross of Christ, keeping in mind that colors were and are symbolic in nature.
 3. The following are four colors of the cross.

I. The Cross Of Christ Was Black — For Sin Nailed Him There

- A. Blackness settled over the land at Jesus' death (Matthew 27:45).
 1. "Night With Ebon Pinion"
- B. Have you ever noticed the repetitious emphasis in Scripture that sin made the cross anecessity?
 1. (Isaiah 53:5,6,8,10,12).
 2. (Matthew 26:28) for the remission of sins.
 3. (Romans 4:25) delivered for our offenses.
 4. (Romans 5:6-8) died for our transgressions, while we were sinners.
 5. (1 Peter 2:24) he bore our sins in his body on the tree.
- C. Sin needs to be seen for what it is and what it caused.

II. The Cross Of Christ Was White — For He Was Perfect

- A. Jesus died as the perfect, pure, innocent sacrifice (Isaiah 53:9-10; 2 Corinthians 5:21).
- B. There are five primary attributes of God (holiness, justice, mercy, love, and truth).
 1. When man sinned, God's holiness was offended.
 2. God's justice demanded payment for man's infraction of the law.
 3. God's mercy triumphed over justice.
 4. Because of love, God sent His Son.
 5. Concerning all of this, we read in the truth.

III. The Cross Of Christ Was Red — For He Shed His Blood There

- A. In the scheme of redemption, there has always been efficacy attached to blood (Genesis 4:1-8; Exodus 12:1-13; Hebrews 9:16-22).
- B. Because of His shed blood, we have been redeemed (Ephesians 1:7).
- C. We are the Lord's twice — He created us (Acts 17:26) and He bought us (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

IV. The Cross Of Christ Was Gold — For Love Made It A Reality

- A. (John 3:16) For God so loved the world...
- B. (Luke 23:34) Manifestation of Christ's love for us.

- Conclusion:
- 1. The message of the cross of Christ cannot be ignored — it screams to be heard.
 - 2. Etched with blood, on a Roman cross, is the message, "I love you."