

cat.1 #3 The cross of Jesus

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The cross is the mirror of God's character
The inevitable requirement of God's holiness
Isa 53:4-10, Rom 3:23-25
The shrill illustration of God's hatred of evil
Gal 3:13
The impressive proof of God's love
John 3:16, Rom 5:8
The convincing proof of God's faithfulness
1John 4:9-10
The perfect key stone of God's righteousness
Rom. 6:18-19

The cross is the centre of Jesus's work
The moving proof of Jesus's surrender for us
Phil. 2:8
The breath-taking example of humility and identification
Isa. 53:7-8
The convincing achievement that gives Jesus precedence
Eph. 1:20-21

The cross is the turning point for mankind
The place of cleansing of our sins
1John 1:7
The first resting place for the sinner
Luke 18:13, Rom 5:9-10
The safe protection against devilish threat
Rev 12:10-12
The necessary separation between the believer and Satan/world
Gal 1:4, 6:14, 1John 1:9-10
The deathblow to our sinful nature
2Cor 5:21
The liberating access from law to life in freedom
Rom 6:4-12, Gal 2:19
The glorious liberation from self to life in Christ
Gal 2:20
The unshakable basis for God's new covenant with mankind/peoples
1Cor 11:24-25

The cross is the threat for the evil powers
The big surprise for the rulers of this age
1Cor 2:8
The central sign in the heavenlies
1Cor 2:2, John 3:14-15
The complete victory over and liberation of Satan and evil
Gal 5:24
The universal proof of God's victory over evil
Hebr. 10:14
The irresistible proclamation of the victory over evil powers
Colo 2:14-15
He who conquered the cross deserved a name above all names
Eph. 1:20-21

The cross is the sign for the world
The shibboleth, even the stumbling block, for the whole world

1Cor 1:18

The hinges of history, on which the universe turns around

1Cor 2:7-8