

An Attempt To Listen To God On
References and Significances to
The Death, Blood, Body, Cross and Tree
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The sacrificial offering of our Lord is foreshadowed in a multitude of ways in both the Old and New Testaments. Like the five offerings, these five stand out predominately like a lamp sending a five fold beam of light on a dark and foreboding night. Against the dark hopelessness of human weakness, sin and guilt, the five fold beams of light and hope are:

- 1) The Death of our Lord
- 2) The Cross of our Lord
- 3) The Tree of our Lord
- 4) The Body of our Lord
- 5) The Blood of our Lord

The following table gives an understanding thought from each of these. The concepts are not meant to be:

- 1) A mere series of data, but a springboard for meditation and expansion.
- 2) A mere intellectual data to be studied as to the reason “why, when or where” of the truths, but for the meditation on the perfections of the Lord as to when, why and where He said them, and the precision of the Holy Spirit when these terms are used.

The following are as a divine series of tree trunks with various branches and truths associated with each “trunk”. They are only the ones directly related to the Lord and His cross, not as in Matt. 16:24.

Trunk word	Branches	No. of Occurrences	References
The Death	Of His Son	1	Rom. 5:10
	Of His Cross	1	Phil. 2:8
	Of the Testator	1	Heb. 9:16
	Of His death	3	Jn. 11:13; Rom. 6:3, 6; Phil. 3:10
The Cross	Of Christ	3	1 Cor. 1:17; Gal. 6:12; Phil. 3:18
	Of Jesus	1	Jn. 19:25
	Of our Lord Jesus Christ	1	Gal. 6:14
	The Cross	12	Matt. 27:40, 42; Mk. 15:30, 32; Lk. 23:26; Jn. 19:19, 25, 31; 1 Cor. 1:18; Gal. 5:11; Eph. 2:16; Phil. 2:8; 3:18; Heb. 12:2
	His Cross	5	Matt. 27:32; Mk. 15:21; Jn. 19:17; Col. 1:20; 2:14.
The Tree	Took Him down from the tree	1	Acts 13:29

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	Bare our sins in His own body on the tree	1	1 Pet. 2:24
	A tree	3	Acts 5:30; 10:39; Gal. 3:13
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The Body	The Body	8	Matt. 27:58, 59; Mk. 15:43, 45; Lk. 23:52; Jn. 19:38, 40; 20:12
	His Body	3	Lk. 23:55; 24:23; Jn. 2:21
	Body of Christ	1	Rom. 7:4
	Lord's Body	1	1 Cor. 11:29
	His own body	1	1 Pet. 2:24
	Body of Jesus Christ	1	Heb. 10:10
	Body of the Lord Jesus	1	Lk. 24:3
	The Body of His flesh	1	Col. 1:22
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The Blood	Of the Lord	1	1 Cor. 11:27
	Of this just Person	1	Matt. 27:24
	Sprinkling of the Blood of Jesus Christ	1	1 Pet. 1:2
	Of Jesus	1	Heb. 10:19
	Of Christ	3	1 Cor. 10:16; Eph. 2:13; Heb. 9:14
	Precious Blood	1	1 Pet. 1:19
	His Blood	2	Matt. 27:25; Jn. 6:53
	Of Jesus Christ His Son	1	1 Jn. 1:7
	His own Blood	2	Acts 20:28; Heb. 9:12
	Of His cross	1	Col. 1:20
	Of the Lamb	2	Rev. 7:14; 12:11

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	Of the everlasting covenant	1	Heb. 13:20
	Of sprinkling	1	Heb. 12:24
	Of the covenant	1	Heb. 10:29

Additional Notes On The Above

It is an acknowledged fact that the work of our Lord is too big for any single biblical picture prophecy. Furthermore, its truths are too vast for any combined descriptive wording in any language, or indeed, for all languages of every nation in every clime of every age. The following is a listing of the pictures of the sufferings of Christ for sin, that I am aware of, in the scriptures.

The expression: “the body of His flesh” also occurs in Eph. 5:30, but it seems to me that it is an indicator of the singularity of the union between Christ and the Church.

These titles and references do not indicate that these are the only ones, however, these are all the ones I have been shown.

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Truth	Prefix	Concept	Reference
The Death Of Our Lord		a) It is the measurement of His love and obedience b) It is the only way to true service c) It is the epitome of the devotion of the Lord in self humiliation d) It was the pathway to glory e) It is set in contrast to His glory f) It is the sentence of God in death to the old man in us g) It utterly condemns anyone who presents another way for salvation h) It alone has the unifying power to make Jew and Gentile one i) It is the degree of the world's hatred of the Son of God	Heb. 12:1-2 Matt. 10:38 Phil. 2:7-8; 1 Cor. 13:4 Heb. 2:7-9 Acts 2:23-24 Rom. 6:5-7 Gal. 2:20 Eph. 2:16 Jn. 15:18, 24, 25; Isa. 49:7
	Pictures Of His Death	a) Ram skins Dyed Red b) Badger skin c) Goats' hair d) Corn of Wheat e) The rent Veil f) The Brazen Serpent g) The Smitten Rock h) The tree that was cast into the waters i) The Mercy seat j) Adam's sleep k) The broken Bread l) The poured out drink-offering m) The wafer n) The worm o) The she goat p) Sacrifice	Ex. 25:5 Ex. 25:5 Ex. 26:7 Jn. 12:24 Matt. 27:51 Heb.10:20 Num. 21:9; Jn. 3:14 Ex. 17:6 Ex. 15:25 Ex. 25:17 Gen. 2:21 1 Cor. 10:16 Gen. 35:14 Lev. 2:5-6 Psa. 22:6 Gen. 15:9 Eph. 5:2
	Descriptive Clauses	a) Fire into my bones b) Forsaken c) The Owl of the desert d) The Pelican of the desert e) The Sparrow alone	Lam. 1:13 Psa. 22:1 Psa. 102:6 Psa. 102:6 Psa. 102:7
	Persons	a) Abel b) Isaac c) Jonah d) Joseph e) Boaz	Gen. 4:8 Gen. 22:2, 6, 9 Jon. 2:1-6 Gen. chs. 37-41 Ruth ch. 3

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The Cross of Our Lord	There can be no service to the Lord without it	Matt. 26:24 Mk. 8:34
	It is set in contrast to the glory of the Lord in Heaven	Acts 2:23-24
	It is God's sentence of the old man in us	Rom. 6:5-7
	It is God's sentence of all that is carnal in the church	1 Cor. 1:1-15
	It was the verdict of the religious leaders of Jerusalem	Matt. 23:34
	It is the foundation of the place He occupies, which man coveted	Acts 4:10-12
	It is the only method for justification	Gal. 3:1
	It is the foundation for uniting Jew and Gentile	Eph. 2:16
	The measurement of the devotion of Christ to God	Phil. 2:8
	It is the criteria for measuring that which God puts on that which He reconciles.	Col. 1:20
	It is the foundation for the removal of the handwriting which was against us.	Col. 2:14
	It was the ultimate of endurance and shame	Heb. 12:2
	It declares the value of the world's population on the work of Christ.	Rev. 11:8

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The Significance of The Cross of The Lord For God	<p>a) The cross is the supreme evidence of the love of God for the world and the love of Christ for God,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. <p>b) The cross is the greatest evidence of the righteousness of God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) At the cross, the Judge of this world did not spare His only Son ii) It was made clear that God's patience in time past was not a tempering of His holiness when He did not judge sin immediately. iii) All the patience of God in the past, at present, and in the future; was made possible because of the cross. iv) All forgiveness, past, present, and future, is made to be given righteously because of the cross. <p>c) The cross is the marvellous increase of the riches of God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us <u>to God</u> by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" ii) "But ye [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, <u>a peculiar people</u>; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" iii) "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify <u>unto himself</u> a peculiar people, zealous of good works." iv) The church and every redeemed individual is for the praise of His glory. The church is displaying the manifold wisdom of God. 	<p>Rom. 5:8</p> <p>Rom. 8:32</p> <p>Rom. 3:25</p> <p>Rom. 3:25</p> <p>Rom. 3:26</p> <p>Rev. 5:9</p> <p>1 Pet. 2:9</p> <p>Titus 2:14</p> <p>Eph. 3:10-11</p>

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The Significance of The Cross of The Lord For Christ	<p>a) It is the highest acknowledgement of the authority of God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and <u>became obedient</u> unto death, even the death of the cross." ii) "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so <u>by the obedience of one</u> shall many be made righteous." <p>b) It is the highest perfection of faith in God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" <p>c) It is the highest fragrance of that which is a good pleasure to God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) "And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour." <p>d) It is the ground for the eternal continuance of the love of God for the son.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again." <p>e) It is the foundation for the possession of the church.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Only by passing through death could the Cor of wheat become the Leader of salvation. ii) It is the basis for the joy that lay before Him <p>f) It is the basis for His glorification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren." ii) "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church" <p>g) It is the greatest demonstration of the love of the Son for us.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." <p>h) Satan's apparently greatest victory became his greatest defeat.</p>	<p>Phil. 2:8</p> <p>Rom. 5:19</p> <p>Heb. 5:7-9</p> <p>Eph. 5:2</p> <p>Jn. 10:17</p> <p>Heb. 2:10</p> <p>Heb. 12:2</p> <p>Rom. 8:29</p> <p>Eph.1:22</p> <p>Gal. 2:20</p> <p>Heb. 2:14</p>

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The Significance of The Cross of The Lord For The Believer	<p>1) “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”</p> <p>2) “And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church”</p> <p>3) It is the basis for this justification, the putting of his past in order legally.</p> <p>4) For God to pronounce us justified then of necessity He must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Know the full measure of all my sins. b) Know the full intensity of my sinfulness. c) Provide a salvation that is able to satisfy the rights of justice d) Therefore a sacrifice on which all my sins are dealt with, e) A sacrifice who is all gloriously morally sufficient in every point where I am deficient. f) Since sin came by One act so salvation must be by one act. g) Since sin is the separation of man from the fellowship of God so salvation must be by a man who is separated from God. h) Since sin brought man into spiritual death the way of salvation is by the one who knows spiritual death. i) Since man was under the power of the evil one the salvation must be provided by one who is not under His power. Thus the death of Christ becomes the means of the death of death. cp Brazen serpent (Num 21:6-8) and Goliath's sword (1 Sam. 17:51) <p>5) The Cross of Christ is the point in which we glory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) It is to the unsaved a rock of offence but to the saved a rock of salvation. b) The Christ of the cross is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) For the falling and rising of many ii) To the one a savour of death and to the other a savour of life iii) To the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness but to the saved it is the power, and the wisdom of God. 	<p>Rom. 8:29</p> <p>Eph. 1:22</p> <p>Rom. 5:9</p> <p>Rom. 5:6-21</p> <p>Lk. 2:34 2 Cor. 2:15-16 1 Cor. 1:23 1 Cor. 1:24</p>

NOTE

- a) It is not that Christ being deity was enriched personally. There can be no increase of the deity and glory of His Godhood than He had prior to the incarnation. However, as the Redeemer, He has a name and an exaltation that He did not have before. (Phil 2:9-20)

Truth	Concept	Reference
The Tree Of Our Lord	<p>a) The curse on one who hung on a tree</p> <p>b) On it the Lord bore our sins</p>	<p>Gal. 3:13</p> <p>1 Pet. 2:24</p>

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The Body Of Our Lord	a) In it He bore the penalty for our sins b) For a memorial token c) Dead to the law by the Body of Christ d) The bread is the communion of the Body of Christ e) Eating unworthily makes one guilty of the body of the Lord f) Reconciliation through His body g) By it we will be presented perfect h) Sanctified by His body	1 Pet. 2:24 Matt. 26:26 Rom. 7:4 1 Cor. 10:16 1 Cor. 11:27 Eph. 2:16 Col. 1:22 Heb. 10:10

Truth	Prefix	Concept	Reference
The Blood Of Our Lord	By it:	a) The believer is linked to the covenant b) There is the knowledge of eternal life c) Propitiation for humanity d) Justification is secured e) There is freedom from guilt f) The redeemed are brought near to God g) There is redemption and forgiveness of sins h) There is forever the witness on earth of the death of the Lord and mans hatred i) There is the impetus and the overcoming of life itself by being a martyr for the Lord	Heb. 10:15-18 Jn. 6:32-69 Rom. 3:23; 1 Jn. 2:2 Rom. 5:9 Eph. 1:7 Eph. 2:13 Col. 1:14 1 Jn. 5:8 Rev. 12:11
	It is:	a) The proof of the death of the Lord b) The purchasing price of the flock c) The center of the unity for saints on the earth d) There is deliverance from the kingdom of Satan e) We have grounds for securing our audience before God f) We have our perfecting before God g) The theme of Heaven's praise h) The assurance of better things to come i) The foundation for our sanctification j) The evidence for providing the fulfilling of our election k) The cost of our redemption l) The process by which we can be clean m) Secures our victory over Satan	Jn. 19:33 Acts 20:28 1 Cor. 10:16 Col. 1:20 Heb. 9:7-12; 10:19 Heb. 13:20-21 Rev. 5:5-14 Heb. 12:24-25 Heb. 13:12 1 Pet. 1:2 1 Pet. 1:18-21 1 Jn. 1:7 Rev. 12:10-11

May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.
John 16:13