

# CROSSWALK

A SERIES OF SCULPTURES HIGHLIGHTING THE  
MANY FACETS OF THE CROSS

# When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

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## Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride

## Verse 2

Forbid it Lord that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God  
All the vain things that charm me most  
I sacrifice them to His blood

## Verse 3

See from His head His hands His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

## Verse 4

His dying crimson like a robe  
Spreads o'er His body on the tree  
Then I am dead to all the globe  
And all the globe is dead to me

## Verse 5

Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were a present (an offering) far too small  
Love so amazing so divine  
Demands my soul my life my all

# THE PRAISE CROSS

Psalm 150

The Praise Cross is made from actual musical instruments. Vibrant colors blend with elements of celebration to highlight a believers reaction to the cross! When a person begins to grasp the manifold realities of forgiveness, healing, mercy and grace it's only natural to erupt in praise!

Psalm 150 declares God's greatness with musical instruments, loud cymbals and dancing. This Praise Cross joins in with the rhythms of praise & celebration already playing in Heaven over the message of the cross.

What are you thankful for and how might you express your gratitude today?





# THE RUGGED CROSS

Isaiah 53:4

This Rugged Cross is fashioned from broken wooden pallets. Pallets are designed to carry heavy loads but pallets could never carry all the burdens experienced by people in this world. If a person wishes to carry these burdens they may try and discover the brutal weight.

Thankfully it is The Rugged Cross that reminds us,

“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows.” Isaiah 53:4.

Christ alone is both able and willing to carry every burden for the world. While carrying our sin meant that Christ would have to die, He still chose to do it. His motivation was His love for us. Now everyone who believes in Him can experience freedom from their heavy burden of sin and sorrow. What is the sorrow or burden that Christ has carried for you?

How can you cast all of your burdens on the Lord today?





# THE SWEET CROSS

1 Cor. 1:18 & Psa. 34:8

Made from real candy wrappers this cross illustrates how people might be attracted or disgusted by the cross. Some look at the cross and see nothing but foolishness or even worse evil.

To those people it is just a symbol for empty religion and they have no appetite for God and religion. Maybe they are satisfied by all of the things offered in this world. There is a pleasure in sin that many are satisfied with regardless of how short the pleasure lasts and the consequences sin brings. These people have never tasted The Sweet Cross. But, to others is a symbol of something sweet and appealing. In faith, they eat the message of the cross up and experience a love and mercy that is sweeter than any confectionary treat on earth.

Once you have tasted it you will crave more and more and nay even want to share it with others.

Have you tasted for yourself the sweetness?







# THE LIGHT CROSS

Psalm 36:9

The Light Cross illustrates the drastic difference made possible by the Holy Spirit through the gospel. This sculpture uses Ultra Violet light which is invisible to the eye but reacts with phosphorus hidden inside paint. Suddenly Neon colors are revealed which were previously unseen.

This amazing effect is similar to the spiritual light of understanding that illuminates the heart of a believer. King David wrote, "For with you is the fountain of life, and in your light...we see light!" Psa. 36:9.

It is only in the light of the cross that a person can see, God's love, forgiveness, healing & peace.

How has your perspective on life changed because of the cross?





# THE ABSTRACT CROSS

2 Corinthians 4:4

This Cross speaks to the reality for so many in the world who have yet to understand and believe in the message of the gospel. It is amazing how two people may hear the same message of hope and yet one will respond in belief and the other is left the same.

2 Corinthians 4:4 explains,  
"The god of this world (Satan) has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. As a result they don't see the light of the good news about Christ's glory."

It is Christ who is God's image. The Holy Spirit gives revelation so that what is distorted and abstract might become clear and understood in their heart.

When did the message of the cross become clear and life-changing for you?





# THE EXCRUCIATING CROSS

Isaiah 53:6

Isaiah 53:6 ...The Lord has laid all our sins on Him. The Excruciating Cross is just a glimpse of God's judgement for sin.

The punishment every guilty human deserves was laid like a blanket upon innocent Christ. The amount of suffering Jesus endured for our sin caused such acute agony that a new adjective was needed to describe it.

The word "Excruciating" comes from the Latin word, "Crucify".

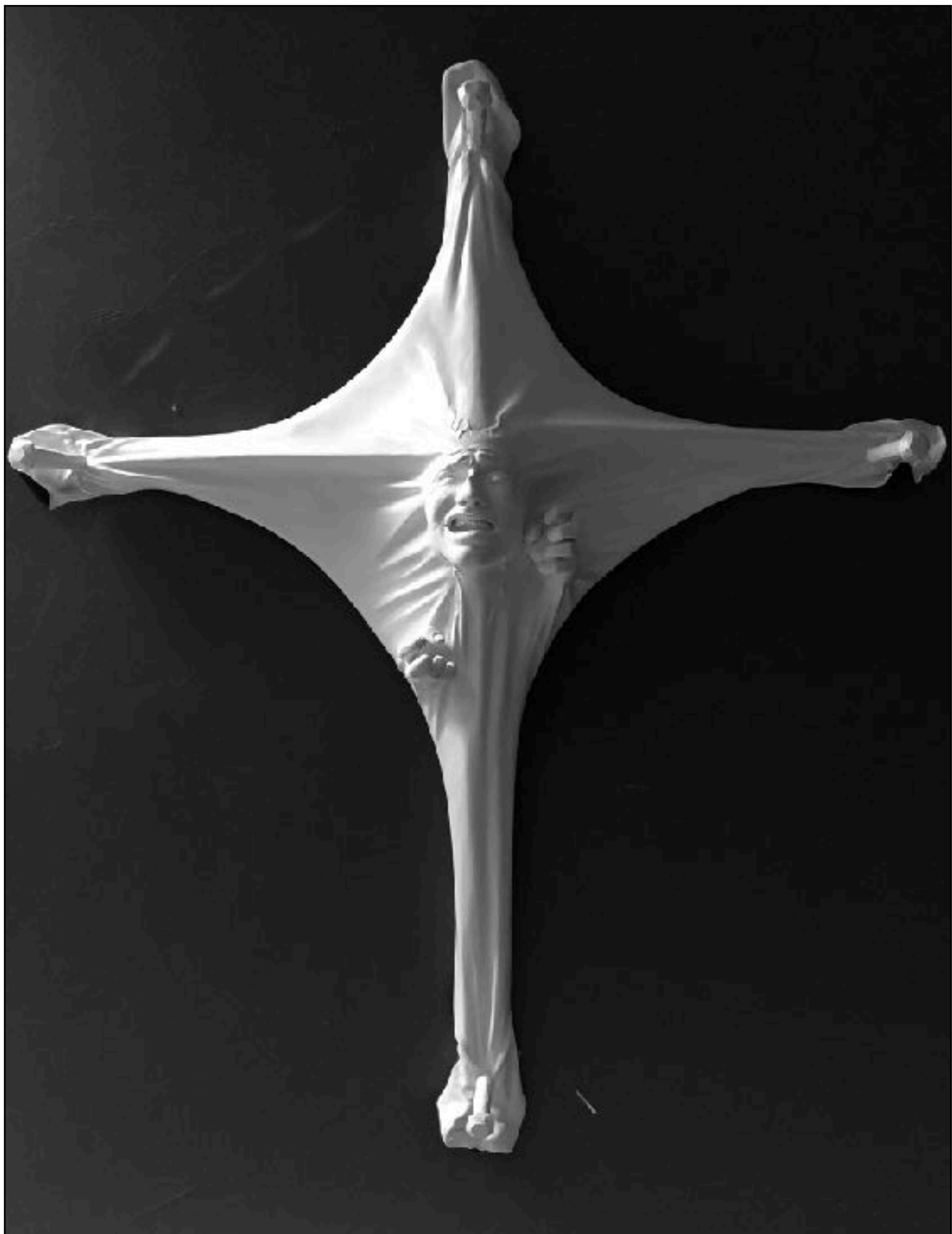
Isaiah 52:14,15 States that, "Many will be shocked by him. His appearance will be so disfigured that he will hardly look like a human. He will cleanse many nations with his blood."

Jesus was stretched like the canvas in this sculpture and then nailed naked to the cross.

All of this mental and physical torment was supposed to laid on us but Jesus was pleased to take it upon himself.

How easy is it for the modern mind to romanticize & diminish the excruciating cost of our salvation.

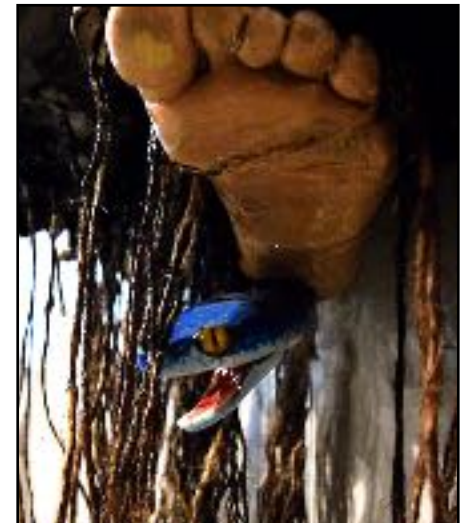




# THE STORIED CROSS

Rev. 22:12-15

The Storied Cross is unique for two reasons. First, the sculpture is papier-mâché and was created using recycled pages from old Bibles. Second, it uses those Bible pages to celebrate the story of redemption which is written on them. Stylistically, this sculpture plays on fantasy and fairytale to convey its message. The story of redemption was not made up from man's imagination and is just as true as it is timeless. The story began in the heart of God prior to creation. Was displayed in the garden of Eden where mankind sinned and was banished from the tree of life. (Gen. 2:9 & 3:22) At that time God spoke prophetically of how Jesus would eventually crush the serpents head and redeem mankind from sin. (Gen. 3:15) After many centuries, the plot reached its climax when Jesus fulfilled prophecy and was lifted up on a tree as ransom for all mankind. The head of the serpent had been crushed. The Story of redemption continues today with each name that is added to the "Lamb's Book of Life". The final chapter in the greatest story ever told will culminate in Heaven where all the redeemed will be again gathered at the tree of life.



Is your name written in the Lamb's book of Life and will you gather at the Tree of Life in heaven?

Rev. 22:12-15





# THE CUTTING CROSS

Gal. 6:14

The Cutting Cross brings the ugly reality of a first century execution into a twenty-first century context. Crucifixions are no longer common but there is a very real and personal cost involved if you want to obey God's word and spirit. Just look at the saw blades and feel the sharp steel which is able to cut wood and metal into pieces.

Can you imagine the pain of literally being nailed to a cross? Thankfully you do not need to but you must choose to pick up your cross and let it cut you deeply.

This means you must sever allegiance to your old way of living and thinking. The mindset associated with your life prior to knowing Jesus as your Lord is to be rejected. You can not live "Double-minded" and Clive for both this world and for Christ at the same time.

Paul explained that,  
"The world has been crucified to me,  
and I to the world." Gal. 6:14.

How has your relationship with friends, old habits and thinking changed since becoming a believer?







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