

“The Love Of The Cross”

Lesson Text: **John 3:14-17**

I. Unnatural Love For The Cross.

- Man’s Fascination For The Wooden Cross:
 - The Crucifix VS. The Bare Cross.
 - Worn As “Good Luck Charm.”
 - Worn To Ward Off Evil Sprits.
 - The Red Cross Organization’s Name.
 - Used In Religious Rites And Worship.
 - Worship of the Cross Idolatry. **Judges 8:24-27; 2 Kings 18:4.**

II. The Love Of God Demonstrated At The Cross.

- **Romans 5:8; John 15:13.**
- The Sacrifice Of The Cross- Perfect Lamb of God. **John 1:29; Isaiah 53:5-7.**
- The Agony Of The Crucifixion. **Luke 22:41-44; Matthew 27:31-56.**
- The Message Of The Cross. **1 Corinthians 1:18-24; 1 Corinthians 2:1-2.**
 - The Love, Grace, Mercy, & Forgiveness For All. **Psalm 118:29 (37); Col. 1:19-22.**
- The Power Of The Cross- The Blood of Christ. **Romans 5:9-10.**

III. Man’s Love For God Given Because Of The Cross.

- **2 Corinthians 5:14-15; John 12:32-36.**
- Why Saul Preached The Christ He Once Persecuted. **Acts 9:19-22.**
- Why Paul Made Three Missionary Journeys.
 - **1. Acts 13:4–14:26. 2. Acts 15:36–18:22. 3. Acts 18:22–21:17.**
- Why Paul And The Other Apostles Gave Their Lives Over To God.
 - **Revelation 12:11.**

Conclusion: **John 14:23-24.**