

THE CROSS

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I am going to talk about The Cross, and I'm going to say something that is very important. Jesus said it was Finished on The Cross. That's what the Bible says. He did His part. See, He died on The Cross for a reason: He died so that we can be free! Free in Him!

He also paid a lot on that Cross so that we have a free Relationship with Him. I'm going to say something: there is a difference between religion and having a Relationship with Jesus. There's a difference between those two. And hopefully you'll give me time so I can explain it.

But I want to talk more about The Cross, because I believe that The Cross is essential to saving people. And let's never forget why Jesus died on The Cross for our sins. And I believe that The Cross is not being taught very much in the Church. That's mind-boggling, but it's not being taught very much in the Church. Because I believe that you can't build anything on sand because it will sink. You have to build it on a strong foundation, and that strong Foundation is **Jesus**. You have to build it on a rock, and that Rock is **Jesus**. You can't build it on sand.

And people understand love more than they understand religion: and Jesus is Love by the way. But I believe that there are a lot of crosses on church buildings today, but The Cross is not being talked about. It's just my opinion: you can take it or leave it – I don't care.

But we need to start talking about the True Gospel, and that's what I want to talk about: the True Gospel, not religion. Because to me religion stinks! And it is very important to separate the two. Because Jesus

is NOT religion! He wants your heart. And I live by two commandments: and that is 'Love Jesus and love people'. And those are the only two commandments I live by. It's very simple.

The Gospel is very simple: not a bunch of rules. Man does that! You see, we need to talk about The Truth in Love, because if we don't talk about The Truth in Love then what's the point? In other words, we're just clanging cymbals: and I'm not going to be one! Ha!

I want to say this – I do love The Church. And to anybody who knows me that's evident in my life. But I'm tired of religion and it's time for me to speak up. And we're talking about a Person, not a religion. See, I believe that's where The Church gets messed up because we're talking about a Person – not religion. And that Person's name is **Jesus**, by the way.

And He has feelings. And I don't take His feelings lightly. What I'm trying to say is His part was Finished on The Cross. And if you are a Believer, you should know this. Because He's a friend of mine: He's not a

‘bunch of rules’ person like most Christians believe. I’m going to shoot straight with you guys. Jesus loves: He’s not a bunch of rules. He doesn’t force people to do anything, because you have to come honestly and openly to The Cross. And by the way: He suffered a lot. He poured out His Blood for us. We should not take this lightly! They stuck a spear in His side, and that was for The Church.

I want to say this. See, He died so that we can be free. So that we can have a real Relationship with Him. That’s very important, and I don’t think we should take that lightly.

I’m going to let you chew on that for a bit!

This is Jacob signing off now— Bye!