

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

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Welcome All:

We are thankful to have you with us today. The Lord's church here is dedicated to the restoration of New Testament Christianity, respecting both the authority and the silence of the Scriptures.

Again, thank you for worshipping God today.

Schedule of Services for Gospel Meeting

Worship...	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
	Sunday	6:00 p.m.
Bible Study...	Sunday	10:00 a.m.
	Monday-Wednesday	6:30 p.m.

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The Importance of the Cross?

The golden thread of God's love and redemption for sinful man is found throughout the Bible. The blood sacrifices of the Old Testament were typical of the blood Christ shed on the cross. The command to Abraham to offer Isaac, the child of promise, typically expresses God's love and offering of His own Son (Gen. 22). Jesus' blood ratified the New Covenant by which all can be redeemed (Matt. 26:28; Heb. 5:89). His blood was shed "for" (in order to) the remission of sins, just as baptism now is "for" (in order to) the remission of our sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). The "preaching of the cross" is to many foolishness today, but it is still the only power of God for salvation (I Cor. 1:18; Rom. 1:16; Mk. 16:15-16). Paradoxes We find the greatest of all paradoxes in the Cross of Christ! "Paradox" means something seemingly self-contradictory but really founded on Truth. **THE CROSS IS:**

1. The most tragic murder in the history of the world, YET the most wonderful event that ever happened!
2. The saddest spectacle man ever beheld, YET out of it came the greatest joy!
3. Satan's greatest victory and Christ's most humiliating defeat, YET the most stunning defeat Satan ever suffered and the most glorious victory Christ ever won
4. The greatest exhibition of divine justice in condemning sin, YET the most wonderful demonstration of divine mercy in pardoning sin .
5. God's greatest manifestation of hatred for sin, YET God's supreme proof of love for the sinner!
6. The means by which God's justice condemned sin, YET the exhibition of His mercy in forgiving sin!
7. The darkest hour in history, YET the time of greatest light to the world!
8. The greatest hatred of man for Christ, YET we see Christ's love for man!
9. The cross portrays man's sinfulness, YET God's holiness!
10. Man's human weakness, YET God's Divine strength.
11. Man's inability to save himself by his own plan, YET God's ability and power, by grace, to do this for obedient man!
12. The cross from the human standpoint is foolishness, YET it is a revelation of the highest wisdom of God!

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