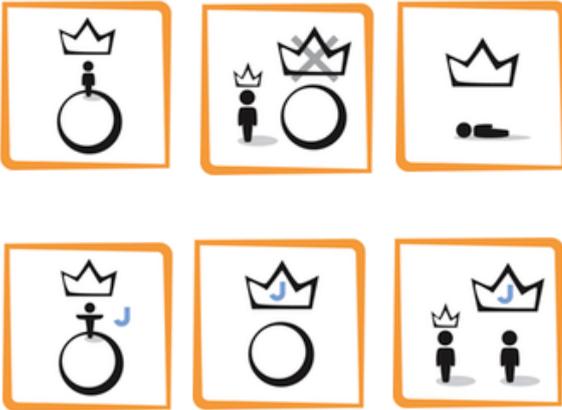


THE CROSS

What difference does it make?

- to bring you to God



‘Christ died for sins,
once for all,
the righteous for the unrighteous,
to bring you to God’

(1 Peter 3:18)

What happened on the cross?

- Christ died
- for sins
- once for all
- the righteous for the unrighteous

*Now back to the topic, one thing I think is vital to mention,
How Jesus and religion are on opposite spectrums,
One is the work of God one is a man-made invention,
One is the cure and one is the infection.
Because Religion says do, Jesus says done.
Religion says slave, Jesus says son,
Religion puts you in shackles but Jesus sets you free.
Religion makes you blind, but Jesus lets you see.
This is what makes religion and Jesus two different clans,
Religion is man searching for God, but Christianity is God
searching for man.
Which is why salvation is freely mine, forgiveness is my own,
Not based on my efforts, but Christ's obedience alone.
Because he took the crown of thorns, and blood that dripped
down his face
He took what we all deserved, that's why we call it grace.
While being murdered he yelled "father forgive them, they know
not what they do",
Because when he was dangling on that cross, he was thinking of
you
He paid for all your sin, and then buried it in the tomb,
Which is why im kneeling at the cross now saying come on
there's room
So know I hate religion, in fact I literally resent it,
Because when Jesus cried It is finished, I believe He meant it.*

(Joel Bethke: Why I hate religion but love Jesus)



Coffee question

? what place does the cross have in your life? What pressures do you find taking you away from the cross? How can we keep holding on to it?