

# CRUCIFORMITY

life as jesus intended

## Part 1: Conformity To Christ

**I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.**

~ *The Apostle Paul*

The great paradox is that one comes to know the power and glory of Christ, the resurrection and life of Christ, through cruciformity.

~ *Michael J. Gorman*

As disciples (literally *students*) of Jesus, our goal is to learn to be like him.

~ *Dallas Willard*

The distinguishing feature of Christianity as opposed to the ancient world religions is the crucifixion of its founder.

~ *Hans Kung*

The mission of the early church leaders was to order the lives of the Christian congregants by pulling everything into the tremendous gravitational field of the cross.

~ *Neil Elliot*

If I intend to obey Jesus Christ, I must decide to become the kind of person who *would* obey. That is, I must find the means of changing my inner being until it is substantially like his, pervasively characterized by his thoughts, feelings, habits, and relationship with the Father.

~ *Don Simpson*

I use the term *spirituality* to refer to a person's awareness of and response to the Divine. We all face the inescapable challenge of working out our existence in relationship to God. That is our spirituality. That is what it means to be human.

~ *David G. Benner*

Just as the air of life, which we breathe, is "in" us and fills us, and yet we at the same time live in this air and breathe it, so it is also with the Christ-intimacy of the New Testament: Christ in us, and us in Christ.

~ *Adolf Deissmann*

God's stance toward the world is quintessentially demonstrated in the action of Christ in his death.

~ *Charles B. Cousar*

In the cross we see the character of God.

~ *John Carroll*

God made Christ the framework for our understanding of God.

~ *Leander E. Keck*

The importance of the confession 'Jesus is Lord' is not only that Jesus is divine but that God is Christlike.

~ *A. M. Ramsey*

Cruciformity is the character of God.

~ *Michael J. Gorman*

**Follow me.**

~ *Jesus*