

## STRANGE BUT TRUE:

### God, but Man

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Notes:

There is a doctrine known as the hypostatic union in Christ. Simply put, there is only one Jesus, but this Jesus has two natures: He is God and He is man. Paul explains this well as he points to Jesus' human characteristics, like His death on a cross, while also asserting His divinity, saying that the very fullness of God dwells in Christ.

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**W. E. H. Lecky, historian and political theorist <sup>1</sup>**

<sup>15</sup> The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

- Colossians 1:15-20

#### My Next Step(s):

- I will acknowledge Jesus as 100% God and 100% man/human.
- I will let Jesus' divinity give me hope, security and peace.
- I will let Jesus' humanity comfort me in my daily challenges.
- I will learn more about the history of Jesus' time on earth.
- I will learn more about the unique claims of Jesus among world religions.

**Memory Verse:** The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. – John 1:14

Footnote: <sup>1</sup>[www.glenarbaptistchurch.co.uk/quotes-jesus-influence-on-history/471](http://www.glenarbaptistchurch.co.uk/quotes-jesus-influence-on-history/471)

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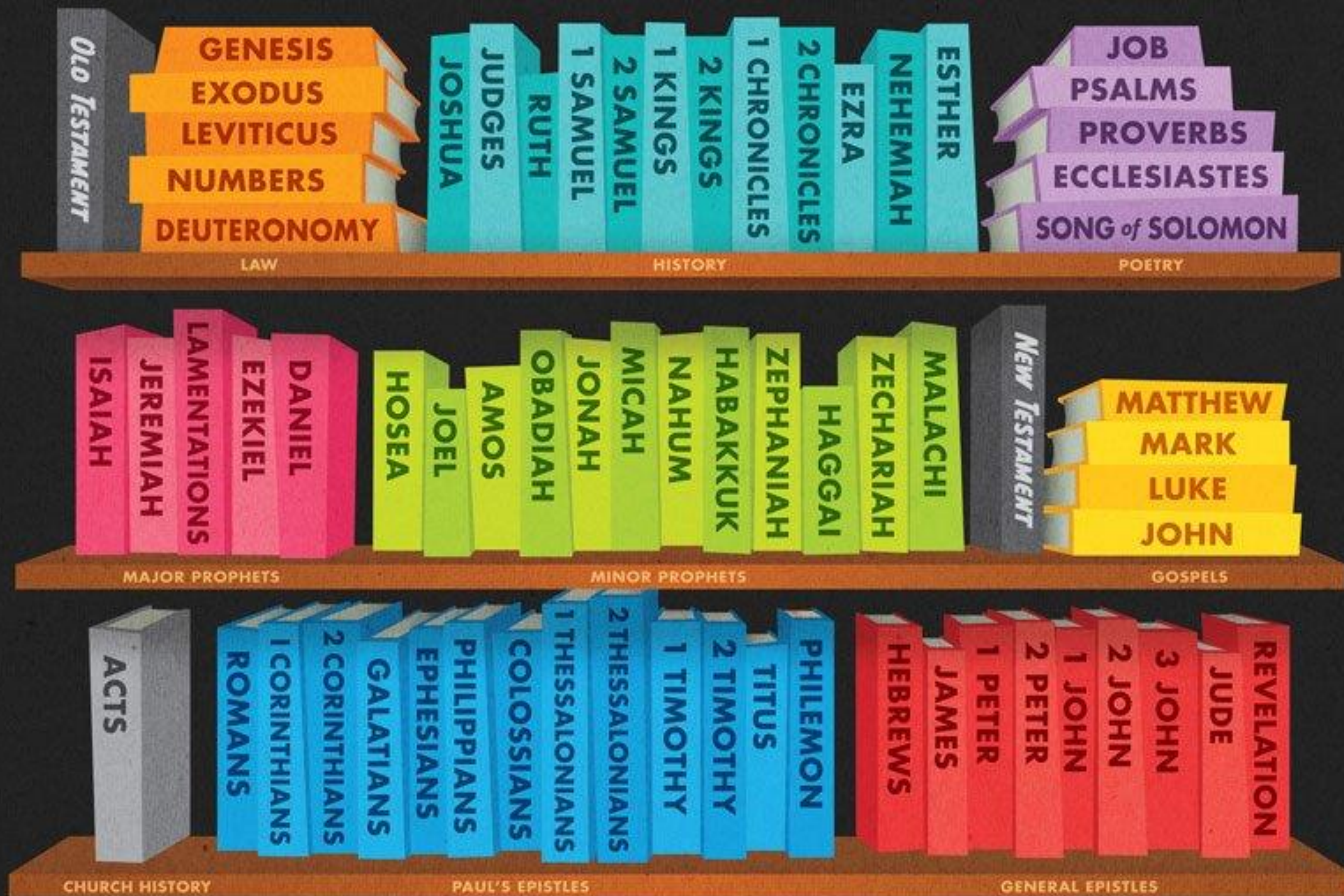
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*Doctrine* and *doctor* derive from the same Latin word, *docere*, which means "to teach": *doctor* means "teacher," and *doctrina* means "teaching, learning."



# The Books of the Bible







# STRANGE — BUT TRUE —

One, but Three





# STRANGE — BUT TRUE —

Sinner, but Saint





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**Who is Jesus?**





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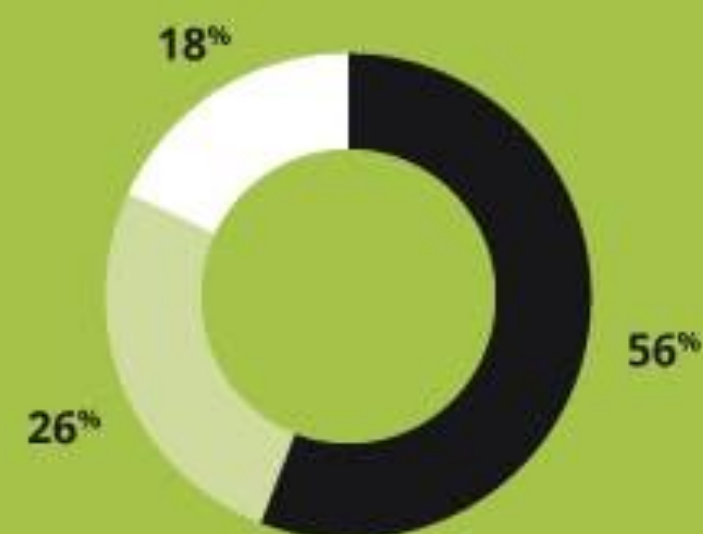




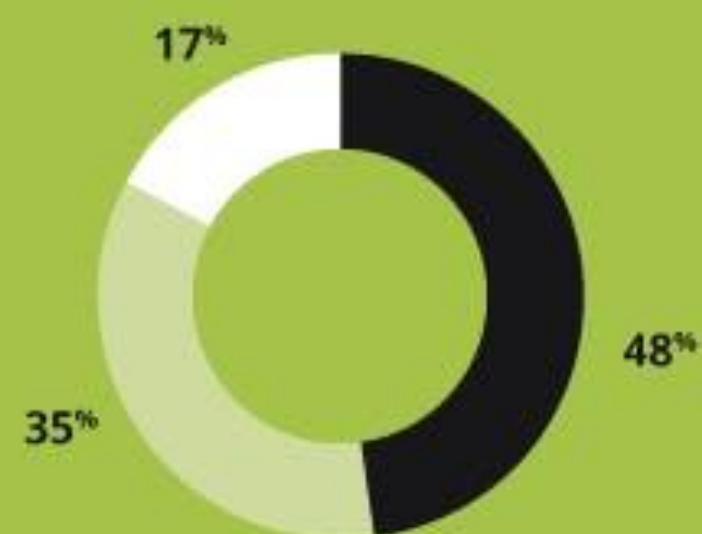


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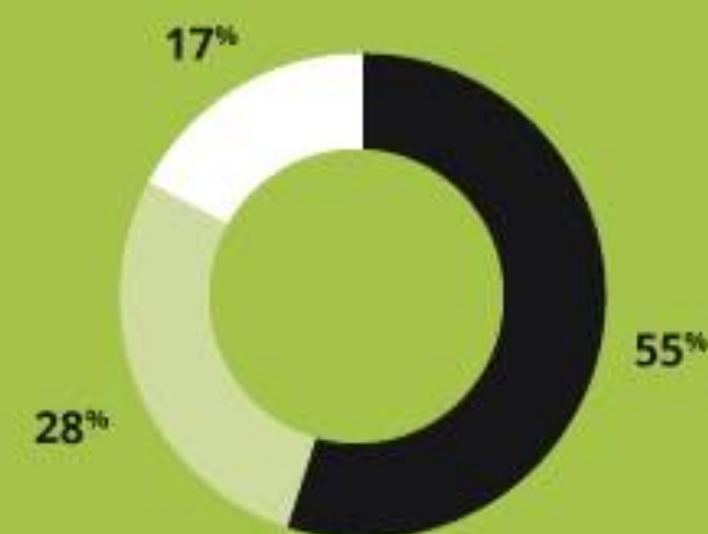
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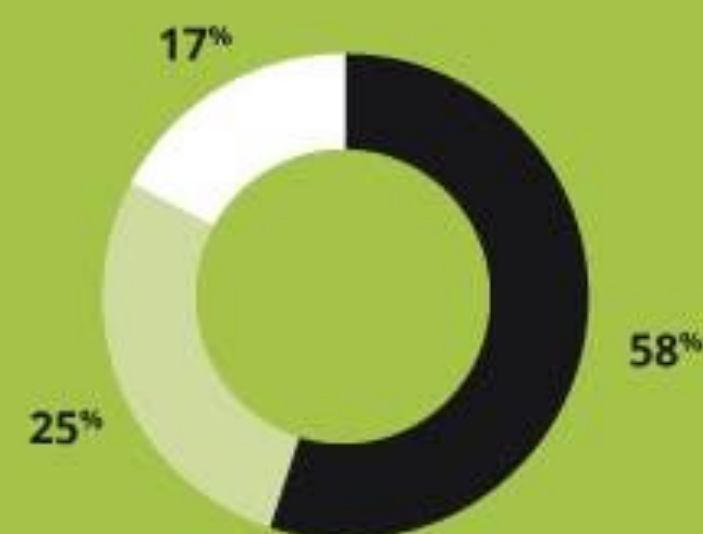
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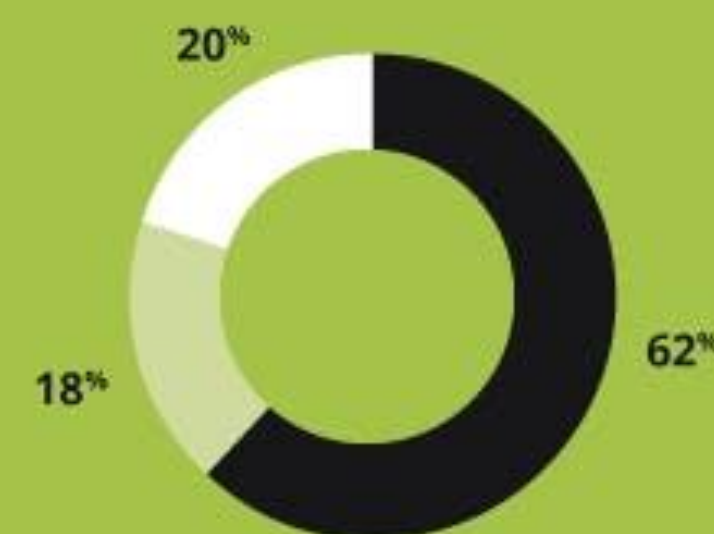
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“Let the **little children** come to Me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

**MARK 10:14**



“Whatever you did for one of **the least of these** brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me...”

**MATTHEW 25:40**



“The girl is not dead **but asleep...**”

**MATTHEW 9:24**



*Socrates taught for forty years, Plato for fifty, Aristotle for forty, and Jesus for only three. Yet the influence of Christ's three-year ministry infinitely transcends the impact left by the combined 130 years of teaching from these men who are among the greatest philosophers of all antiquity. Jesus painted no pictures, yet some of the finest paintings of Raphael, Michelangelo, and Leonardo da Vinci received their inspiration from Him. ...*

*– Henry G. Bosch*



*Jesus wrote no poetry, but Dante, Milton, and scores of the world's greatest poets were inspired by Him. Jesus composed no music, still Haydn, Handel, Beethoven, Bach, and Mendelssohn reached their highest perfection of melody in their hymns and symphonies they composed in His praise. Every sphere of human greatness has been enriched by this humble carpenter of Nazareth.*

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**Who is Jesus?**



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**COLOSSIANS 1:15-20**



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# WHO IS JESUS?

#1

Jesus is God.



He is the image of the invisible God...

**COLOSSIANS 1:15**



Everything was **created** by Him...

**COLOSSIANS 1:16**



In the beginning **God created** the heavens and the earth.

**GENESIS 1:1**



1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 **Through him all things were made**; without him nothing was made that has been made.

**JOHN 1:1-3**



God was pleased to have **all His fullness** dwell in Him...

**COLOSSIANS 1:19**



He is the beginning, the **firstborn from the dead...**

**COLOSSIANS 1:18**



I have come down **from heaven.**

**JOHN 6:38**



“And if Christ has not **been raised**, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins”

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:17**



**His tomb was empty.**



<sup>12</sup> After the priests had assembled with the elders and agreed on a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money <sup>13</sup> and told them, “Say this, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole Him while we were sleeping.’”

**MATTHEW 28:12-13**



**He was seen by LOTS of people.**



He appeared to **over five hundred** brothers and sisters at one time; most of them are still alive.

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:6**



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**His impact on history is *strange*.**



*“Normally when someone dies, their impact on the world immediately begins to recede. But Jesus inverted this normal human trajectory, as He did so many others. Jesus’ impact was greater a hundred years after His death than during His life; it was greater still after five hundred years, after a thousand years His legacy laid the foundation for much of Europe; after two thousand years He has more followers in more places than ever.”*

*– John Ortberg*



# WHO IS JESUS?

#2

Jesus is human.



*“People admire your strengths, but they resonate with your weaknesses.”*

*– Carey Nieuwhof*



<sup>21</sup> Once you were alienated and hostile in your minds expressed in your evil actions. <sup>22</sup> But now He has reconciled you by **His physical body** through His death.

**COLOSSIANS 1:21-22**





***“People don’t care what you know  
until they know that you care.”***



We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in **every way as we are**, yet without sin.

**HEBREWS 4:15**



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**Jesus was not 50% God and 50% Human,**

**He was 100% God and 100% Human!**



The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that **they may have life**, and have it to the full.

**JOHN 10:10**



# WHO IS JESUS?

#3

Jesus is for us.



“...His blood, shed on the cross...”

**COLOSSIANS 1:20**



