

At no other time in the history of our nation has the principles of universal relationship between God and man suggested by Christ in this imortal magna Charta been more expedient than now.

The absence of the pratical application of these principles in public and private life attests this fact.

Jesus Christ condensed all the law of Sinai and summed up all the principles of the Prophets into two simple, concise statements: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, and mind and thy neighbor as thyself."

The first of these establishes a vertical relationship with man and his maker. The second sets ^{fourth} the horizontal relationship with man and his fellow beings. These two conditions are complimentary. They form a plus sign which is the criterion by which all religious functions are judged.

The plus sign is very fittingly depicted by the two pieces of wood that form the cross upon which Jesus died. The one in a vertical position; the other horizontal.

Much is said in these days about the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; with little emphasis placed upon the prime factor that makes this possible which is the "Christ of the Cross." Relationship with God must be established before we can fellowship and do business satisfactorily with one another; and a relationship with God cannot be established except by virtue of the reconciliation wrought by the man who died on the Cross.

Thus, if we would learn to get along with one another and strike a happy medium whereby we may live peaceably with all men, we must draw very near to the throbbing heart of the Man whose body nailed to a Roman Cross formed the plus sign between Heaven and Earth. The Plus Sign presupposes an equation. Therefore, by the plus sign of the Cross of Christ, we have an equation, which has as its sum total the reconciliation of man to God, and man to man.