

CONFORMED TO HIS DEATH* = *LIFE!*

THE CROSS AS THE ULTIMATE PARADIGM** FOR EVERY ASPECT OF CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

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*That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made *conformable unto his death*; (Phil. 3: 10 KJV)

**Paradigm — The word comes from the Greek for "to show side-by-side" and means an "example" or "pattern": especially an outstandingly clear or typical example or archetype.

** "Under this *portmanteau* term [*paradigm*] I gather the several ways that Jesus' death functions as inspiring and exemplary for Christian behaviour, as descriptive of, and criterion for, Christian existence, indeed as the crucial event by which Christian ethical effort, discipleship, and consequent sufferings are defined and given their significance."

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