

# A Spider & The Light Of The Cross

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While at a Men's Retreat at Lakeshore Methodist Church Camp in Eva, TN, I took a walk one night and stopped at a lighted cross which shone over the river below. I saw a spider spinning a web on the top of the lighted cross and realized many comparisons of the spider and the lighted cross to a Christian's life.

- 1) Many captured bodies must lose their lives in order to save the life of the spider, **but** it only took one man's body to be sacrificed to save the lives of many people.
- 2) The bodies which shed their blood had no intention of dying for the spider, **but** Jesus' plan was to intentionally shed his blood for us so we could be saved.
- 3) The spider had to continue every night to cause lives to die so he could continue to live, **but** Jesus only had to die once to save us from our sin.
- 4) The spider received his extended life due to his hard works, **but** our eternal life is obtained by only God's grace and our faith in Jesus – not by our works.
- 5) The light of the cross only helps sustain the spider's life when conditions are right – no daylight, no wind, no rain and no enemies to devour the spider, **but** Jesus, the Light of the world, is available at all times with no conditions other than our faith in Him.
- 6) For the spider, the light is a device which leads many to death, **but** for Christians, the light of Christ is what leads many to everlasting life.
- 7) Only the bodies which enter the spider's web near the light will be caught and die, **but** anyone, anywhere can receive Christ's light anytime and live forever.