

The symbol on the right is called an *ankh*, and it can be seen among Egyptian artifacts. It was used in ancient Egypt as a symbol of life and could be carried only by kings. It suggested that only a god or a king can give or take away life. It was seen as carrying the power for eternal life. As a possible symbol of the coming Christ, it later developed into the Christian cross, which reminds us of Christ's death on the cross and the eternal reward we have with him in Heaven. He, unlike the ankh, actually does have the power to give life. Sometimes

we may still see an ankh in a modern church. It is now used as a symbol to represent Christianity, even though its beginnings date back to the ancient Egyptians before the coming of Christ.

