

The Significance of the Cross

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- 6. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.**
- 7. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die.**
- 8. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:6-8)**

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- 9. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!**
- 10. For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!**
- 11. Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (Romans 5:9-11)**

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5 THINGS THE CROSS SIGNIFIES

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1. What God Thinks of My Sin

God Hates and Condemns Sin

For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, (Romans 8:3)

- God hates sin so much He sent His Son to get the job done right!!!

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- Literally, to judge down.
- Jesus “died under the judgment due to our sin”—Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and

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2. What God Thinks of Me

God Loves Me

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10. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:9-10)

- The word propitiation (atoning sacrifice) has to do with the removal of divine wrath.
- Jesus' death is the means that turns God's wrath from the sinner.

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3. How I Now Stand Before God

Stated Negatively

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1)

Stated Positively

But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free
— (Colossians 1:22)

- holy in his sight
- without blemish
- free from accusation

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4. How I Now Relate to God

Reconciliation

that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. (2 Cor. 5:19)

For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! (Romans 5:10)

Access

For through him we both have access to the Father
by one Spirit. (Ephesians 2:18)

Access

- Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. (Hebrews 10:19-22)

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5. I Now Belong to God

Ransom

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time. (1 Timothy 2:5-6)

- **Ransom: The price of release.
Used of the price paid for the freedom of a slave.**

Redemption

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

(1 Peter 1:18-19)

- In the Old Testament days: To buy back a property or person in order to keep it in the family.
- A person, to redeem, had to have the right to do so – by being related as a “kinsman redeemer.”
- Christ is our “kinsman redeemer” because He “became man” and started a NEW RACE of which He is the “first born from the dead.”

Ownership

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

- **We are not our own!**
- **We were bought at a price...the priceless blood of Jesus Christ!!!**

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Summary: 5 Things the Cross Signifies

1. What God Thinks of Sin

- God Hates and Condemns Sin

2. What God Thinks of Me

- God loves me

3. How I Stand Before God

- no condemnation

- holy, without blemish, free from accusation

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Summary: 5 Things the Cross Signifies

4. How I Relate to God

- reconciled**
- access to God**

5. I Now Belong to God

- ransomed**
- redeemed (now & future)**
- owned by God (bought a great price)**

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