

# THE CROSS

It is only through God's grace as seen in the cross of Christ that we can have a hope of eternal life. The cross is God's solution for sin.

## GOD'S DEMAND FOR JUSTICE

- God is just (fair) only if **ALL SIN** is punished. God is not a respecter of persons
- There are two alternatives. Either each individual can pay his own penalty for sin (which means that no one would be saved), **OR** someone else must pay for everyone's sins (which gives everybody a chance to be saved).

## JESUS PAID THE PRICE FOR ALL

- **(Isa 53:4-6 KJV)** "Surely he hath borne our \_\_\_\_\_, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him \_\_\_\_\_, smitten of God, and afflicted. {5} But he was \_\_\_\_\_ for our \_\_\_\_\_, he was bruised for our \_\_\_\_\_: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are \_\_\_\_\_. {6} All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his \_\_\_\_\_; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."
- **(2 Cor 5:21 KJV)** "For he hath made him to be \_\_\_\_\_, who knew no sin; that we might be made the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in him."
- **(Heb 2:14-18 KJV)** "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through \_\_\_\_\_ he might destroy him that had the power of \_\_\_\_\_, that is, the \_\_\_\_\_; {15} And \_\_\_\_\_ them who through fear of death were all their \_\_\_\_\_ subject to bondage. {16} For verily he took not on him the nature of \_\_\_\_\_; but he took on him the seed of \_\_\_\_\_. {17} Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his \_\_\_\_\_, that he might be a merciful and faithful \_\_\_\_\_ in things pertaining to God, to make \_\_\_\_\_ for the sins of the people. {18} For in that he himself hath \_\_\_\_\_ being \_\_\_\_\_, he is able to succour them that are tempted."
- **(Heb 7:26-27 KJV)** "For such an \_\_\_\_\_ became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, \_\_\_\_\_ from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; {27} Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up \_\_\_\_\_, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up \_\_\_\_\_."
- **(1 Pet 2:22-25 KJV)** "Who did no \_\_\_\_\_, neither was \_\_\_\_\_ found in his mouth: {23} Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he \_\_\_\_\_, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: {24} Who his own self bare our sins in his own \_\_\_\_\_ on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. {25} For ye were as \_\_\_\_\_ going astray; but are now returned unto the \_\_\_\_\_ and Bishop of your souls."

- ✓ Isaiah foretold of a suffering servant that would suffer on the behalf of many.
- ✓ Taking on the form of man, Jesus chose to experience the same suffering and temptation as that of man.
- ✓ God made sinless Jesus **SIN** for us, so that we could be righteous to God once for all mankind.

## WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

- It means that Jesus died when I was the guilty one.
- It means that **MY SINS** put Jesus on the cross.
- It means that I **KILLED HIM!**
- Than realization should make me want to change my life.

## PROOF OF GOD'S LOVE

- In addition to the cross showing us God's justice, it also proves to us His love.
- **(John 3:16 KJV)** "For God so \_\_\_\_\_ the world, that he gave his \_\_\_\_\_ begotten Son, that whosoever \_\_\_\_\_ in him should not perish, but have \_\_\_\_\_ life."
- **(Rom 5:6-8 KJV)** "For when we were yet without \_\_\_\_\_, in due time Christ died for the \_\_\_\_\_. {7} For \_\_\_\_\_ for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a \_\_\_\_\_ man some would even dare to die. {8} But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet \_\_\_\_\_, Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for us."
- **(1 John 4:9-10 KJV)** "In this was manifested the \_\_\_\_\_ of God toward us, because that God sent his \_\_\_\_\_ begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. {10} Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he \_\_\_\_\_ us, and sent his Son to be the \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins."

- ✓ God loves us so much that He gave us his Son.
- ✓ Jesus loves us so much that He gave up His life for sinners.
- ✓ It is because of Jesus that we live. We did not earn it.

## HOW SHOULD I REACT?

- The more you see yourself as a sinner, the more you can see God's love.
- Read Luke 7:36-50
- We ought never again to doubt God's love for us. If he loved us enough to sacrifice His only begotten Son on the cross, how could we ever believe He doesn't love us?
- **(Rom 8:35-39 KJV)** "Who shall \_\_\_\_\_ us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ? shall \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_? {36} As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as \_\_\_\_\_ for the slaughter. {37} Nay, in all these things we are more than \_\_\_\_\_ through him that loved us. {38} For I am \_\_\_\_\_, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, {39} Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to \_\_\_\_\_ us from the \_\_\_\_\_, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- We also should love God more than ever before. When we really understand and appreciate what He has done for us, we can't help but love Him more.
- We also should obey Him:  
**(John 14:15 KJV)** "If ye love me, \_\_\_\_\_."  
**(John 14:21 KJV)** "He that hath my \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ them, he it is that \_\_\_\_\_ me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."  
 We obey out of a natural response to the love He has shown us – gratitude and love for Him.
- Obedience does not merit salvation. All the good works in the world will not restore a relationship with God once our sins have separated us from Him.

--Roger Hillis