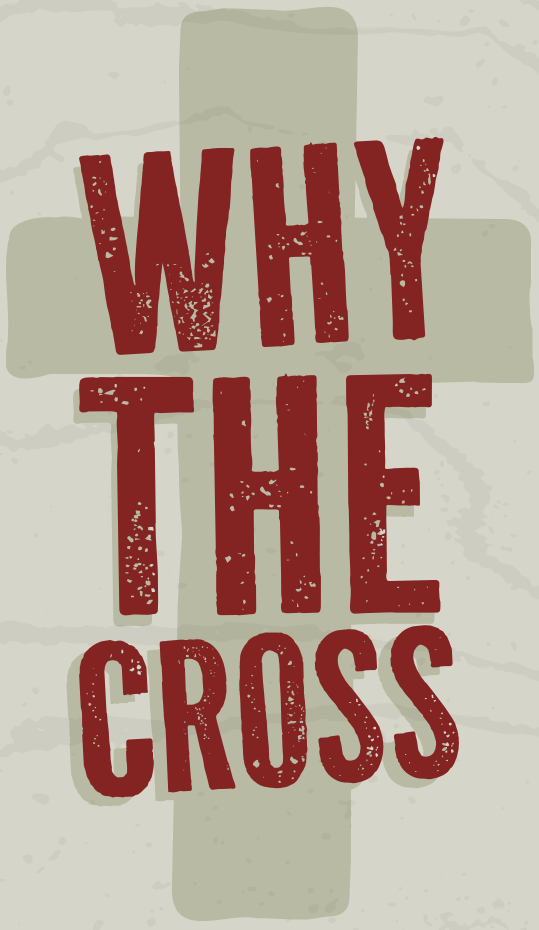




**WHY
THE
CROSS**



WHAT COMES TO YOUR MIND WHEN YOU SEE A CROSS?

To some the cross stands for peace and love.
To others, it's a symbol of suffering or pain.
Some see the cross as a religious statement.

All these perceptions of the cross bear
some truth, but did you know that the
cross communicates the greatest message
anyone could ever hear?

THE CROSS COMMUNICATES THAT GOD IS LOVE.

God is love and has shown His love by giving His Son to die on the cross.

ROMANS 5:8 "BUT GOD SHOWS HIS LOVE FOR US IN THAT WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US."

THE CROSS COMMUNICATES THAT GOD HATES SIN.

What is sin? Sin is described in the scriptures as breaking God's law, and sin is rebellion against God.

ROMANS 3:23 "FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD."

The Bible says that we have all sinned against God. Because of our sin, we will one day stand before God and face His judgment and punishment for our sin in a place of eternal fire and death, called hell. (Rev. 21:8)



PROVERBS 14:12 – “THERE IS A WAY THAT SEEMS RIGHT TO A MAN, BUT ITS END IS THE WAY TO DEATH.”

HEBREWS 9:27 – “IT IS APPOINTED FOR MAN TO DIE ONCE, AND AFTER THAT COMES JUDGEMENT.”

God demonstrated His hatred for sin by pouring out judgement on His Son.

THE CROSS COMMUNICATES THAT GOD LOVES YOU.

At the cross, God provided the way for your sins to be forgiven. You do not have to experience eternal death. Jesus died in your place and paid the price for your sins. He took the punishment you deserve.

2 COR. 5:21 - FOR OUR SAKE HE MADE HIM TO BE SIN WHO KNEW NO SIN, SO THAT IN HIM WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.

JOHN 3:16 – FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

GOD WANTS YOU TO LEAVE YOUR SIN AND COME TO HIM.

How should you respond?

You must repent of your sin and receive God's one and only offering as the payment for your sin. Repentance is the only way to be made right with God.

What does it mean to repent?

To repent is not just feeling sorry for your sins. Repentance is a desire to turn to Jesus; seeking to follow His word and His will.



***ACTS 3:19 - REPENT THEREFORE, AND
TURN BACK, THAT YOUR SINS MAY BE
BLOTTED OUT.***

To repent means to turn away from sin and turn to God in faith.

Turning to God requires that you come to Jesus, believing He is your only hope for salvation from the penalty of your sin.

God offered His Son for your sin. Receive God's offering by believing in Jesus, and that He died for you.

BELIEVING IN JESUS AND IN HIS RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD IS THE ONLY WAY TO GOD.

Good deeds or human effort will not help anyone get to God.

**1 PETER 3:18A - FOR CHRIST ALSO
SUFFERED ONCE FOR SINS, THE
RIGHTEOUS FOR THE UNRIGHTEOUS,
THAT HE MIGHT BRING US TO GOD.**

**JOHN 14:6 – JESUS SAID, “I AM THE
WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THE
LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER
EXCEPT THROUGH ME.”**

RIGHT NOW, GOD IS OFFERING HIS GIFT OF SALVATION TO YOU.

Do you want to be saved?

Salvation means more than just a rescue from eternal death. Salvation means that God brings a change in you. Your life takes on a new direction and a new meaning.

ROMANS 10:9 - IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH THAT JESUS IS LORD AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED.

Do you want to pray and ask God to forgive you today? Pray to God and tell him that you believe that Jesus died in your place. Ask Him to save you with a believing heart, and He will.

To speak or pray with someone about your salvation, please see the contact information on the back.

THE CROSS COMMUNICATES THAT GOD LOVES YOU, AND IF YOU REPENT AND RECEIVE GOD'S ONE AND ONLY OFFERING FOR YOUR SIN, YOU WILL BE SAVED. NOW LET'S SHARE THIS MESSAGE WITH EVERYONE.

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