

The Cross from Five Perspectives

Good Friday Sermon Handout

1. God's Perspective: Where Justice and Mercy Met

- God's justice demanded punishment, and His love provided the sacrifice.
- Romans 3:25-26 - God is both just and the one who justifies.
- At the Cross, God's holiness and mercy collided.
- The sacrificial system ended with Jesus' once-for-all offering (Hebrews 7:27).
- Application: The Cross shows how seriously God takes sin-and how deeply He loves sinners.

2. Christ's Perspective: Obedience and Substitution

- Jesus willingly became our substitute (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- He didn't become a sinner-but became sin for us.
- The Great Exchange: He took our sin and gave us His righteousness.
- Application: The Cross is not just a story-it's a personal invitation to receive grace.

3. Satan's Perspective: Defeat Disguised as Victory

- Satan thought he had won-but was ultimately defeated (Colossians 2:15).
- The Cross disarmed Satan and destroyed the fear of death (Hebrews 2:14-15).
- Application: You fight from victory-not for it. Satan's accusations hold no power over you.

4. The Church's Perspective: Message and Mission

- The Cross is our central message (Galatians 6:14).
- It defines our mission: to be ambassadors of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-21).
- Application: Are we living cross-shaped lives? Proclaiming Christ crucified in word and action?

5. The Believer's Perspective: Redemption and New Identity

- Galatians 2:20 - We are crucified with Christ.
- Romans 6:6 - We are no longer slaves to sin.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 - We are new creations.
- Application: Stop living in chains Jesus already broke. Walk in freedom and purpose.

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Conclusion

- The Cross wasn't just for history-it's for you.
- Through five perspectives, we see the full power of the Cross:
 - God: Justice and mercy.
 - Christ: Obedient love.
 - Satan: Ultimate defeat.
 - Church: Our message.
 - Believer: A new life.
- Final Word: 'It is finished.' (John 19:30)