

Meadowbrook Baptist Church
102 North Park Drive
July 13, 2025 Worship 9:00 AM
10:00 AM
Coffee , Coke and Brunch Time

Helping the Poor / Singing Old Hymns
Preaching the Word

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BEAUTY AT THE CROSS

1 Corinthians 1:18

**"To those who do not believe, the preaching
of the cross is nonsense; but to us who are
saved it is the power of God."**

Few sights were more horrible than crucifixion. The victims, beaten beforehand, were a mass of blood and bruises. They screamed constantly from their pain and the birds and insects fed on them. Most went insane before they died. But to the Christian, the cross is beautiful. It is the door to the Father's house. The Romans thought a Savior on a cross was "nonsense". In the vast underground catacombs, where early Christians worshipped; archeologists found pictures, painted by the Romans, of Christians kneeling before a donkey hanging on a cross.

A little girl was ashamed of her mother's ugly, burned hands, and wanted her to wear gloves all the time. Then she learned her mother had been burned, while pulling her to safety from a blazing room when she was a baby. The little girl went in, took the gloves off her mother, kissed those beautiful hands and said, "Thank you!" Mama, you have the most beautiful hands in the world."

GOD ON THE CROSS

**"Pastor the church of God, which He
purchased with His own blood." (Acts 20:28)**

Paul was not talking here about Jesus. He was talking about God. What he says then, is *the blood of Jesus is the blood of God*. God became a human being in Jesus (John 1:1 / 14) and the human race nailed Him to a tree.

Where grew the thorns that crowned His brow.
The nails that pierced His hands were mined,

In secret places He designed.

He made the forests from which sprung,

The tree on which His body hung.

He died upon a cross of wood,

Yet made the hill on which it stood.

The sun which hid from Him its face,

By His decree was poised in space.

The sky which darkened o'er His head,

By Him above the earth was spread.

The spear that spilt His precious blood,

Was tempered in the fires of God.

The grave in which His form was laid,

Was hewn in rocks His hands had made.

GUILT AT THE CROSS

Acts 2:23

**"This Jesus you crucified and killed
by the hands of lawless men."**

The crowd Peter spoke to fifty-two days after Jesus was killed, were not the ones who killed Him. Many were hearing of His death for the first time. The truth is, like Peter's congregation, we are all guilty of this attack upon Him. The same sins of the people who butchered Jesus, are in our lives..

There was the PREJUDICE and PRIDE of the Pharisees who HATED and were JEALOUS of Him. There was the GREED of the Sadducees who saw Him as a threat to their prosperity. There was the SELF-SEEKING OF Pilate, who knew He was innocent but also knew it would cost him politically to set Him free. There was the CRUELTY of the soldiers and the heckling crowd. There was the