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# SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY



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*The ABC's for every new believer*

# Why The CROSS?

***“Why did Christ  
have to die?”***

We know the cross is an important part of the Gospel message:

**Christ died on the cross \_\_\_\_\_ us...**  
**So He could offer His resurrected life \_\_\_\_\_ us**  
**So He could live \_\_\_\_\_ us**  
**For the purpose of living \_\_\_\_\_ us.**

## **I. GOD DESIRED FOR ALL MEN TO BE R \_\_\_\_\_ UNTO HIMSELF**

2Pet.3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

**Reconcile: To \_\_\_\_\_ any and all \_\_\_\_\_  
that prevent a harmony between two parties or places**

In order to understand WHY Christ had to die, we must first understand the obstacles that stood between Man and God.

### **Obstacle #1 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?**

**Isa 64:6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;**

**Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**

We are told the the power of sin comes from the Law (1Cor.15:56). Even if all the sin debt was paid, but the law was still in place, the law would bring about its punishment upon the very next sin that was committed. The Law must be

eradicated (inactivated) to avoid its judgment to actively bring spiritual death, for the wages of sin is death (Rom.6:23).

### **Obstacle #2 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Heb 8:13 By calling this covenant new, he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear.**

**Rom.6:14 Sin is no longer your master, for you are no longer subject to the law, which enslaves you to sin. Instead, you are free by God's grace.**

**Col.2:14 having canceled [erased, wiped out] the charge of our legal indebtedness (*sins dictated by the law*), which stood against us and condemned us (law); he has taken it away, nailing it to the \_\_\_\_\_.**

Because God desired a relationship with His creation, He had to fix the problem brought about by the sin of mankind (Adam).

### **His motivation was \_\_\_\_\_**

**Rom 5:6 When we were utterly \_\_\_\_\_, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners**

**Rom 5:8 But God showed his great \_\_\_\_\_ for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.**

**Jn.3:16 For God so \_\_\_\_\_ the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

## **II. RECONCILIATION REQUIRES A COMPLETE REMOVAL OF \_\_\_\_\_**

**1Pet 3:18 For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.**

**Col 2:13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,**

1Jn 2:12 I write to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name.

Forgiven= P \_\_\_\_\_ Tns; P \_\_\_\_\_ Voice; - I \_\_\_\_\_ Md

Forgiven one time for all time, it just happened to them w/o their involvement. An Indisputable fact

Heb 9:22 In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.

1Jn. 2:2 He is the sacrifice for our sins. He takes away not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Our Sins

Jn 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! There is the **Lamb of God** who takes away the sin of the world!

Heb 9:28 So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Heb 1:3 The Son reflects God's own glory, and everything about him represents God exactly. He sustains the universe by the mighty power of his command. **After he died to cleanse us from the stain of sin**, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God of heaven.

Jhn 19:30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "**It is finished**". With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

There is **NO LONGER** any \_\_\_\_\_ for sins

Heb 10:17-18 Then he adds: "Their **sins and lawless acts** I will remember no more." And where these **have been forgiven**, there is **no longer any sacrifice for sin.**

Jn 3:17-18 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

However, every believer can rest in the confidence of the finished and complete work of Christ on the cross. We can rest assured that because we have received Christ (He is in us, and we are IN Him), we have been set free from the Law of Sin that brings death. Our new Spiritual LIFE can never be in jeopardy again. Praise the Lord!

Rom 8:1-2 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

Col 1:13-14 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Eph 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

G.R.A.C.E - God's Riches At Christ's Expense- *All of Him!*

Col 1:19-22 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

*Because Christ took away my sins, I stand \_\_\_\_\_*

**Under the OLD COVENANT, Forgiveness was ONGOING and CONDITIONAL** - *(Based on what WE did).*

Mat 6:12-15 forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us... "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins."

**Under the NEW COVENANT, Forgiveness was FINAL & UNCONDITIONAL** - *(Based on what HE did)*

Eph 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

### III. RECONCILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

Eph. 2:14-18 For he (*Jesus*) himself is our peace, who has made the two (*Jew & Gentile*) one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law (*O.C.*) with its commandments and regulations.

His purpose was to create in himself one new man (*Christian*) out of the two (*Jew & Gentile*), thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them (*Jew & Gentile*) to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away (*Gentiles*) and peace to those who were near (*Jews*). For through him we both (*Jew & Gentile*) have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Rom.5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

2Cor. 5:20 We are Christ's ambassadors, and God is using us to speak to you. We urge you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, "Be reconciled to God!"

**GOD REMOVED SIN AND THE LAW...THE ONLY OBSTACLE OF MAN IS \_\_\_\_\_**

Jn. 16:7-9 But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me...

## MAKING IT PERSONAL

THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF CHRIST PROVIDED:

NO FORGIVENESS ----	PARTIAL FORGIVENESS CONDITIONAL.	COMPLETE FORGIVENESS UNCONDITIONAL
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THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CROSS FOR MANKIND:

I AM NOT FORGIVEN	I HAVE A POTENTIAL FOR FORGIVENESS	I AM TOTALLY FORGIVEN
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THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF OUR UNDERSTANDING:

I HAVE NO HOPE	I HAVE TO EARN FORGIVENESS	THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
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Rom 5:11 Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Are you still trying to ADD to what Christ said is finished?



