



In Christ Washington Church

THE CROSS OF CHRIST *THE REASONS FOR THE CROSS* Lesson 2

Connection

- Symbols and their meanings: What are the religious symbols you have as Christians and how do they impact your faith?
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Recap

- Three logical points lead us to the need for the cross
 - The problem of sin and death
 - The Solution to the Problem of Sin and Death
 - The Only Way To Solve the Problem is Cross

Exploration

The Cross of Christ Reveals God's Love

- o John.3:16
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- o Romans.5:6-8

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- 1 John.4:10
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The Cross of Christ Reveals God's Redemption

- Colossians.1:12-14
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- Ephesians.1:7
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- Hebrews.9:12
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The Cross of Christ Reveals God's Forgiveness

- Hebrews.9:22,28
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- Colossians.2:13-14

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- Hebrews.8:12
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The Cross of Christ Reveals God's Freedom

- Romans.6:18,22
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- Galatians.5:1
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- 1 Corinthians.7:22-24
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The Cross of Christ Reveals God's Justification

- Romans. 3:24-26
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- 1 Corinthians.6:11

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- Galatians.2:21
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The Cross of Christ Reveals God's Reconciliation

- Romans.5:10
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- Colossians. 1:19-20
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- Ephesians. 2:14-16
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The Cross of Christ Reveals God's Victorious Life

- Colossians.2:14-15
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- Hebrews.2:14-15

- Romans.16:20

Reflection

- When you think about God's love revealed on the cross, how do you respond to it and in what ways God's love influence or shape your life?

- God redeems us through the cross of Christ. Are you saved? If so, how does your redeemed life differ from the life before you were saved?

- God has granted forgiveness through the cross of Christ for our past, present and future. How does God's forgiveness make you respond to God for his wonderful gift? In what ways, do you express your response to God for forgiveness? How does this gift of God make sense in your daily life?

- God sets us free from any bondage such as Satan, Sin and Law to live as Christ's people. What are the bondages God set you free in your life and

what are the bondages you have and what do you do with them when you reflect on the cross of Christ?

- We are justified as righteous people (that means right standing/relationship with God) by grace through faith in Christ. In what ways do you experience this justification as righteous people in your life? What is the role of works in the justified life as justification is purely by grace.
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- Through the cross, Christ reconciled between heaven and earth (vertically) and people and people (horizontally). How do you understand this reconciliation in your life and how does it affect your relationship with God and others? If God gives us the ministry of reconciliation vertically and horizontally, what are the areas in the body of Christ to be dealt with reconciliation? What are the challenges of reconciliation?
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- Christ was victorious over Satan, Sin and Death through his cross. Do you believe that God has given this victory to you over these darknesses? If so, how do you practice God's power over Satan, Sin and Death in your daily life? In what ways, do you have struggles to be victorious over Satan, Sin and Death?
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