

WHAT THE CROSS OF CHRIST MEANS TO ME  
Galatians 6:9-15

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Introduction:

1. I love to preach about the cross of Jesus
2. Because this is the power of God unto salvation.
3. Now this may be more of a testimonial than anything else.

I. IT MEANS THAT GOD HATES SIN TREMENDOUSLY.

A. Because sin brings about death, physical and spiritual.

Scripture: **Romans 5:12** *"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"*

B. Because sin brings reproach.

Scripture: **I Peter 2:11** *"Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;"*

C. Because sin brings about separation.

Scripture: **Isaiah 59:2** *"But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."*

II. IT MEANS THAT JESUS LOVED US MORE THAN HIS OWN.

A. His love moved Him to leave His glory to come to earth because of you.

B. His love moved Him to become poor for us.

C. His love moved Him to seek out those who were lost.

Scripture: **Luke 19:10** *"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."*

Illustration: Mother sheep seeks baby lamb. 6-4-74 DB

D. His love moved Him to die for man.

Scripture: **Ephesians 2:4-5** *"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ. . ."*

(Oh, what great love He has for man.)

Illustration: Little girl who loved mother 6-13-69 DB

III. IT MEANS THAT CONDEMNATION IS FOREVER LIFTED FOR THE BELIEVER.

A. When one trusts Christ as his Saviour then he is pardoned forever.

Scripture: **John 3:18** *"He that believeth on him is not condemned . . ."*

Scripture: **John 5:24** *". . . He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."*

B. When one trusts Christ as Saviour all sin is forgiven.

IV. IT MEANS THAT THE WORLD IS DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS.

A. One group has trusted Christ as Saviour.

B. The other group has never trusted Christ as Saviour.

Illustration: The funeral home . . . Christian and lost. 11-2-73 DB

C. Yet, Christ wants you to be saved.

Scripture: **I Timothy 2:4** *"Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."*

Scripture: **Romans 10:9** *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."*

Conclusion:

1. This is what the cross means to me.
2. What does it mean to you?