

The Cross

Summary: The foundation of all truth is the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Cross is where God and man intersect.

Every broken thing in the cosmos has been ransomed from Satan by the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Text: Hebrews 10:11-14 ESV

The Cross is the Focus of everything God did in history and scripture (the point of His plan).
Symbol: Intersection

Historically, the cross was an instrument of torture and execution.

Why did we need the cross/redemption? Why did we need to be saved?

What does Sin do to Us?

The Cross is the Focus of God's Redemptive Plan

The Cross is the **Finishing** of everything God wanted to do in redemption (**accomplished**). Jesus said in John 19:30: "It is finished."

What was finished?

1. Dethronement (of Satan)
 2. Atonement—covering of sin
 3. Expiation ("bearing" away of our sin and blame; credited to a substitute)
 4. Propitiation—wrath absorption
 5. Ransom—freedom from captivity
 6. Reconciliation—friendship
 7. Cleansing—no shame!
 8. Sanctification (setting apart for service and belonging)
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The Cross is the **Fulcrum** of everything in our salvation (how God gets His work done in us and the world)

At the Cross, the enemy was ashamed and defeated before us—Colossians 2:13-15

The Cross is the **Foundation** of everything God does *in* us—character

Through the Cross we died with Christ—Romans 6-7

He died as our **substitute** but also our **example**—Mark 11:45,

How God met men and women on the Cross (*vertical*) is how we should meet others in ministry (*horizontal*).

The horizontal post of the cross represents our relationship with people, both inside the Church, and outside the Church.

There's nothing more important to the Lord than the Church because she is His bride. **He died and spilled His blood for her. (Eph. 5:25-27)**

The Cross displays the Father's Heart

The Cross allows *apparently contradictory* glories to **intersect**

The Cross is **Free Access** to God

The Cross has power now—1 Corinthians 1:17-18. It has power to:

1. Reveal (God)
2. Kill
3. Heal
4. Unite
5. Divide
