



This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an Atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4-10

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THE CROSS

When you think of a cross you might think if a steeple on an old church in your city. Maybe you think of a decoration or a piece of jewelry around someone's neck. But do you

know what the cross represents? You see, a cross was an instrument of death used by governments many years ago to torture and kill the worst criminals. It was a cruel and agonizing way to die. It sometimes took days for a man to take his last breath as he hung on a cross, held on to it with nails driven through his hands and feet. And it was on the cross roughly 2000 years ago that the Son of God, Jesus Christ, laid down His life. He willingly gave his life for the sins of the world (John 10:18). To make it more personal, He died for your sins.

The Reason

It is our sins that separate us from God (Isaiah 59:2). Maybe you are thinking, "What is sin?" "Why is it so serious?" The Bible says "Sin is transgression of the Law" (1John 3:4). When you disobey the Law of God you have sinned. If you have lied one time you are guilty of sin. If you have stolen anything, The Bible says

YOU ARE GUILTY of sin "you shall not commit adultery" and Jesus said in Matthew 5:28 that, "whoever looks upon a women to lust for her has committed adultery already in their heart." God views hatred as murder (1 John 3:15). Have you ever used God's name as a cuss word? This is called blasphemy. Examine yourself. You have sinned against God! The Bible says "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 3:23a),

and that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Please realize the seriousness of your sins. God sent His son to die for your sins. He took the punishment that you deserve. Sin should not be taken lightly. **You will be judged by God** The Bible says in Hebrews 9:27 "And as it is appointed for men to die, but after this the judgment." You are going to die and the word of God says that judgment awaits you. God, the righteous judge, will judge you by **the standard of His Law, not our moral standards.** The Bible says in 1st Corinthians 6:9-10 "Or do you not know the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: nether the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God." And in Revelation 21:8 the Bible says, "But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death." You may say, "How can God who is good do that?" The answer is, **God is good. Because He is good He must punish sin.** Imagine you were guilty of a serious crime. You went to court and the just said, "Well, because I'm nice, I'll just let you go." That judge wouldn't be good, he would be corrupt. God is good He is not corrupt. He will punish sin, and that punishment is His wrath for all eternity in a place called

Hell. This is not God's desire for you. God loved you so much that He sent His only begotten son into the world as a sacrifice for your sin; He took your place. **What God did for you** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). God's word says in 2 Corinthians 5:21, "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin

for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." Our sin was laid on Jesus Christ on the cross. He who never sinned, took our sin upon Himself on the cross. And in Romans 5:8 it says, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Three days later Jesus Christ rose from the dead proving He is the Son of God. He defeated death!

What you must do to be saved.

Confess all your known sins and repent of them. Pray and ask God to forgive you of all the wrong you have done. Ask God to give you the strength to turn away from a lifestyle of sin and believe on Jesus Christ and what He said. God loved you so much. His love for you is proven on the cross. His desire is for you to know Him. That's why He came back and paid the penalty of sin, to reconcile us back to God. Talk to Him now. Do not wait, you may not have tomorrow.

Please do not reject the love that God has for you. Pray to Him now! PLEASE

Read Acts 2-38