

# DOCTRINE

WHAT CHRISTIANS SHOULD BELIEVE

## Cross: God Dies

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (Rom 5:6-11)

### Relevant Scriptures: (not exhaustive)

Why: Isa. 53:5,8, Rom 4:25; 5:8, 1 Cor 15:3, 1 Pet 3:8, 1 John 2:2; Gal 3:13.

**Theology:** What does scripture say about the death of Christ?

Why is death on the cross scandalous?

Explain the following accomplishments of the cross in your own words:

1. Propitiation
2. Expiation
3. Sacrifice
4. Victor
5. Redemption
6. Justification
7. Ransom
8. Example
9. Reconciliation
10. Revelation

How does the cross display the love of God?

**Implications:** How does our understanding of the death of Jesus affect our daily lives?

How are you prone to take the cross for granted?

Of the 10 accomplishment of the cross listed above, which do you resonate with the most?

Which do you have the hardest time with? Why?

How has the cross changed your life?

How has studying the death of Jesus changed the way you live?

How has it changed your understanding of the Gospel?

**Prayer:** Take time to Reflect and meditate on the death of Christ.

Thank God for dieing the death you should have died.

Thank God for what he accomplished on the cross.

Pray for a sobering understanding of what the cross means to our lives.

Pray for those who have not had their sin covered with the blood of the cross.