

The Four Aspects of the Cross
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God's Remedy for Guilt

– Part 1 –

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I. Two Basic Problems in the Christian Church

- A. We have displaced the cross from the center
- B. We have displaced Jesus from His position as head

II. Begin with Spiritual Warfare—End with Intercession (Eph. 6:1–12)

III. Why Is There a War?

- A. Lucifer set up a rival kingdom in the heavenlies
 - 1. Lucifer reached up—and fell
 - 2. Jesus stooped down—and was exalted (Phil. 2:9; Luke 14:11; 1 Pet. 5:6)
- B. Adamic race created
- C. Satan tempts Adam, Adam falls
- D. Satan has access to the presence of God—to accuse and make us guilty
- E. Jesus poured out His blood as a guilt offering for our rebellion (2 Cor. 5:21 [Is. 53:10])
 - 1. *Our* righteousness is as filthy rags (Is. 64:6)
 - 2. We are clothed with salvation and God's righteousness (Is. 61:10)
- F. Guilt vs. conviction of sin
 - 1. Conviction is from the Holy Spirit—brings repentance
 - 2. Guilt is from Satan, the accuser of the brethren—only remedy is the robe of righteousness
 - 3. Romans 8:1—No condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

The Perfect Sacrifice

– Part 2 –

1 Thess. 5:23–24

IV. Why Do We Need the Cross?

- A. Consider the work of Jesus, a perfect work—perfect in every respect, perfect in every aspect
- B. Contrast priests of Old Testament with Jesus the high priest of the New Testament (Heb. 10:11)
 - 1. The priests of the Old Testament always *stood*, never sat down—task never finished
 - 2. Jesus—after *one* sacrifice—*sat down* at the right hand of the Father—*it is finished*
 - 3. For those who *are being* sanctified (1 Thess. 5:23)
 - 4. Jesus sanctified by the Father (John 10:36; 17:19)
But He also sanctified (set apart) Himself
- C. The Christian life is the transition from the legal to the experiential (John 1:12)

The Cross Obscured

– Part 3 –

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V. Jesus Administered a Total, Eternal, Irreversible Defeat over Satan

- A. Satan's only option: to obscure the work of the cross
- B. No longer able to see the reality of the crucifixion of Jesus (Gal. 3:1ff)
 - 1. Begin to rely on the works of the law, not the sovereign operation of the Holy Spirit = *Legalism*
 - 2. Begin to rely on the flesh = *Carnality*
 - 3. Under a *curse* (Gal. 3:10 [Jer. 17:5–6])
- C. The remedy: Christ crucified (Gal. 3:13–14)
 - 1. Jesus became a *curse* that we might be *redeemed*
 - 2. He took our rebellion; He endured all its evil consequences
 - 3. Confess grieving the Holy Spirit

The Cross in Your Life

– Part 4 –

Deuteronomy 33:25–27

VI. Application of the Cross

- A. Delivered from this present evil age (Gal. 1:4)
 - 1. We don't get it all in this age
 - 2. Satan is the god of this age (2 Cor. 4)
 - 3. Do not be conformed to this present age, especially in our thinking (Rom. 12:2)
- B. Deliverance from the law (Gal. 2:19)
 - 1. Our old man was crucified
 - 2. Righteousness not received by keeping rules
 - 3. If you are led by the Holy Spirit you are sons of God (Rom. 8:14; Gal. 5:18; Rom. 6:14)
 - 4. Map or guide?
- C. Deliverance from self (Gal. 2:20)—death of:
 - 1. Personal ambition
 - 2. Denominational rivalry
 - 3. Nationalism
- D. Deliverance from the flesh (Gal. 5:24)
 - 1. Flesh = the nature inherited from Adam = *rebellion*
 - a. Just one remedy: *execution*
 - b. *Execution* carried out in the death of Jesus on the cross
 - 2. Crucifixion causes suffering to the flesh
 - 3. To suffer the Lord's way or the devil's way?
 - 4. Jesus is returning for those who have crucified their flesh
- E. Deliverance from the world (Gal. 6:14)
 - 1. The world = those who refuse the just rule of Jesus Christ in their lives

- 2.** The world is crucified to me and I to the world
- F.** The ship in the sea is all right;
The sea in the ship is all wrong
- The church in the world is all right;
The world in the church is all wrong

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