



The Miracle of Salvation

Session 3: “The Cross”

John 3:16

- Jesus came to this earth so that He could die for you and me.
- When man sinned, God instituted a plan to restore mankind back into fellowship with God.

Genesis 3:15

WHAT WAS GOD’S PLAN TO DEAL WITH SIN?

Hebrews 10:1-14

1.) A sacrifice was required.

- * “sacrifice” – an offering / an offering that God accepts because it is offered on His terms
- * A sacrifice was required because a price had to be paid for the sins of man.
- * In the O.T. animal sacrifices were made for the sins of the people.

Leviticus 5:10

- “atonement” – to cover over; covering with a price; pacify
- * Jesus eventually came and became the ultimate and perfect sacrifice.
- He gave His life as ransom or payment for our sin (I Timothy 2:6; Luke 2:38; Galatians 3:13)

John 1:29; Matthew 20:28

- Jesus became our substitute and died in our place (I Corinthians 15:3; John 15:13; Romans 5:8).

Galatians 3:13; II Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 53:4-5

2.) There had to be a sacrifice without blemish.

- * In the O.T. the animal that was sacrificed had to be without blemish or it was not accepted by God (Leviticus 22:17-25; Malachi 1:6-14)

Deuteronomy 17:1

- * Jesus was the only one who could die in our place, because He is the only man who ever lived without sin.

I Peter 2:22; Hebrews 4:15

3.) Blood had to be shed.

Hebrews 9:22

- * Blood being shed represents something dying because life is in the blood (Leviticus 17:11).
- * Jesus had to shed His blood because He had to die so that we can live (Ephesians 2:13; I John 1:7; Revelation 1:5)

Hebrews 9:14; Ephesians 1:7

4.) Death had to be defeated.

I Corinthians 15:3-4

- * Jesus did not remain dead, but He arose from the grave (Matthew 28:1-7; Revelation 1:18).
- * Because Jesus rose from the dead, there is guaranteed a future resurrection for all believers (I Corinthians 15:12-22).

Conclusion:

- * The message of the cross is life-changing because what Jesus accomplished on the cross allows for us to be forgiven of sin.