

At the Cross

Colossians 2:13-15

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Emphasis: Forgiveness, freedom, and life are found at the Cross.

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1. At the Cross is where we find forgiveness of sin

References:

⁹ Who can say, "I have made my heart pure; I am clean from my sin"?

-Proverbs 20:9

²³ For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

-Romans 3:23

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² *He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*

-1 John 2:2 (NIV)

²¹ *But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

-Romans 3:21-26

Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

-Hebrews 9:22

2. At the Cross we find freedom from guilt

References:

¹⁰ *He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

¹¹ *For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*

¹² *as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

-Psalm 103:10-12

²⁹ *Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.* ³⁰ *For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

-Matthew 11:29-30

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3. At the Cross is where we find fullness of life

References:

⁶ *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

-Matthew 5:6

¹⁰ *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

-John 10:10

³ *And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*

-John 17:3

¹ *Come, everyone who thirsts,*

*come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!*

*Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.*

² *Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?*

-Isaiah 55:1-2

³⁷ *If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'*

-John 7:37-38

Conclusion and Application:

¹⁸ *Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.*

¹⁹ *If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land.*

-Isaiah 1:18-19

Come to the Cross!