

Series: "AFTERMATH"  
 Part 2: "Redemption in the Darkness"  
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<sup>30</sup> When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:30 (NIV)

**Definition of the Atonement:**

The atonement is the work Christ did in His life and death to earn OUR salvation.  
 – Wayne Grudem

**Why the Cross?**

**1. God's \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (NIV)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8 (NIV)

**2. God's \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>25</sup> God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—<sup>26</sup> he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:25-26 (NIV)

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Acts 2:37 (NIV)

**Our Response to the Cross:**

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ the Weight of our Sin and Hopelessness

<sup>12</sup> remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

Ephesians 2:12 (NIV)

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ God's Grace

<sup>16</sup> Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ with Gratitude

<sup>6</sup> So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ and Worship

<sup>6</sup> Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;<sup>7</sup> for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Psalm 95:6-7 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Romans 12:1 (NIV)

**Sermon Notes**

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