



Fast and Easy Giving

Grace Romanian Church



one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility” (Eph. 2:14). Reconciliation for the world, peace, shalom, and unity comes only by the blood of the cross (Col 1:20). No blood means no harmony.

10. The cross is the marching order for Christians.

After Jesus explained to his disciples that he must suffer, he tells them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me” (Matt 16:24). Paul embodies the cross in his ministry, becoming the fragrance of death as he is lead on the triumphal procession (2 Cor. 2:14–17), and he evens says he has been crucified with Christ (Gal 2:20). But Paul does not merely apply the cross to his own ministry, but he instructs the new community at Philippi to have the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5) which is defined by Jesus’s humility on the cross (Phil. 2:8). The cross is not only where our sin is paid for, where the devil is conquered, but the shape of Christianity. As Rutledge has said, “the crucifixion is the touchstone of Christian authenticity, the unique feature by which everything else. . . is given true significance.”

Anunturi:

- May 4, National Day of Prayer - the Church will be open 7am-8:30pm
- Conferinta slujitorilor din cadrul Uniunii - 11-13 Mai
- Church Picnic, 26 august

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Monthly Program

10 Things You Should Know about the Cross (crossway.org)

6. The cross vanquishes the devil.

On the cross, Christ did not only conquer sin and death, but he conquered the spiritual forces of darkness. A cosmic eruption occurred at Golgotha; a new apocalyptic force entered the world and the old magic was conquered by a deeper magic. He disarmed the power and authorities, putting them to open shame, and triumphs over them on the cross (Col. 2:14). When Christ rises from the dead he is seated at the right hand of the Father in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power (Eph. 2:20–21).

7. The cross is substitutionary.

The cross is for us, in our place, on our behalf. He laid down his life for His sheep. He is our sacrificial lamb. “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). Just as Abraham raised his eyes and looked and saw a ram to offer as a burnt offering in the place of his son (Gen 22:13), so too we look up and see Jesus as our replacement. He became a curse for us (Gal 3:13), meaning he takes the place of all the enslaved, the rebels, the idolaters, and the murderers. If the conquering of the spiritual forces is the goal, then substitution is the ground or basis for this conquering (Gal. 1:4). “The cross represents not only the great exchange (substitutionary atonement), but also the great transition (the eschatological turn of the ages).”

8. The cross is foolishness to the world.

In a PBS television series the narrator said, “Christianity is the only major religion to have as its central focus the suffering and degradation of its God.” And Paul acknowledges that this message of Christ crucified will be a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles (1 Cor 1:23). It is not an inherently attractive message, until spiritual eyes of sight are granted. The world looks at the cross and sees weakness, irrationality, hate, and disgust. In the early decades of the Christian movement the scandal of the cross was most self-evident thing about it. It was not only the death of the Messiah, but the manner of his death that is an offense.

9. The cross brings peace, reconciliation, and unity.

At the cross the whole world has the opportunity to be reconciled to the Father. The peace that the world has been seeking, the unity of all people is found in blood. “For he himself is our peace, who has made us both

"...este sfintit prin Cuvântul lui Dumnezeu si prin rugăciune.” 1 Timotei 4:5

Joi (7pm) Midweek service

4 Cornel S.	Apostazie si leadership	1 Timotei 4
18 Pavel P.	Relationare si atentionare	1 Timotei 5
25 Dan S.	Provocări si pericole	1 Timotei 6

Mai plini de Duhul Sfânt!

Duminică, 7 Psalmul 47 **Cina Domnului**

am: îndemn Dan S. & Cornel S.

mesaj Ghită Mois (Biserica Maranata, Baia Mare, RO)

pm: îndemn Adrian P. & Moise Z.

mesaj Iulian J. Plin de Duhul Sfânt Luca 4:1-19

Joi, 11 ora 7pm **Seară de zidire spirituală**

- îndemn Cosmin Avram & Nelu Cosma

- mesaj fr. Corneliu Olan & Leonard Semenea (Eng.) & Cornel Avram

Vineri, 12 ora 7pm **Seară de zidire spirituală**

- îndemn Vasile Antemie & Alin Bob

- mesaj fr. Harry Mihet (Eng.) & Luigi Mitoi & Cristian Ionescu

Duminică, 14 Psalmul 48 **Mother's Day**

am: îndemn frati musafiri

mesaj Daniel Drohora **Baby Dedication** Traian James Cociuba

pm: îndemn frati musafiri

mesaj Ghita Ritisan, director APME (RO)

Duminică, 21 Psalmul 49

am: îndemn Mitică T. & Danny P.

mesaj Dan S. Pogorârea Duhului Sfânt! Fapte 2:1-21

pm: îndemn Richard P. & Florin C.

mesaj Moise Z. The Holy Spirit in Church! Acts 2:37-47

Duminică, 28 No Services / Memorial Weekend