

The Oaks Community Church  
Worship Guide



February 11, 2024

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 15:55-57 (NIV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

**Seven Promises About The Gift Of Salvation**  
**Promise #1**

The Gift of Salvation is  
**free and available for all who accept it.**

“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

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

Ephesians 2:8, 9

Why The Gospel is Such Good News

III.

The Heart of the Gospel  
The Message of the Cross  
Pastor Gary Barber

❖ The Message of the Cross

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.... For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.... And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

I Corinthians 1:18,19, 21-24; 2:1, 2 (NIV)

## ❖ The Essentials of the Gospel

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

I Corinthians 15:3-8 (NIV)

## ❖ What was the Meaning of the Cross?

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

I Peter 3:18 (NIV)

He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone. He did not retaliate when He was insulted, nor threaten revenge when He suffered. He left His case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly. He personally carried our sins in His body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By His wounds you are healed.

I Peter 2:22-24 (NLT)

“The blood of Christ stands not simply for the sting of sin on God, but the scourge of God on sin, not simply for God’s sorrow over sin, but for God’s wrath on sin.”

P.T. Forysth

“God proved His love on the cross when Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, “I love you.”

Billy Graham

## ❖ The Contradictions of the Cross

## ❖ The Power of The Cross

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

Romans 1:16, 17 (NIV)

From “minus” to “plus” through Jesus’ finished work on the Cross

### ➤ Invitation

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:13 (NIV)

### ➤ Family Communion

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

I Corinthians 11:26

#### IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

##### **Stewardship Principle #6**

Above God's tithe, we give building offerings for people to have consecrated places to worship and serve the Lord.

"LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you."  
I Chronicles 29:16 (NIV)

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