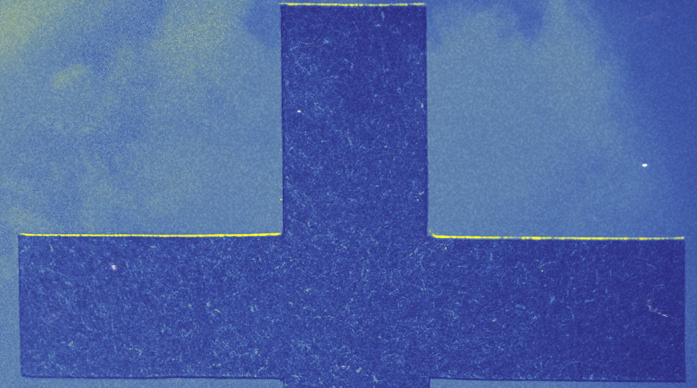


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UNDERSTANDING THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS

## When Embrace Message of the Cross:

- Spirit is born again
- Restored in relationship with God
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**There is a force in the world which is always pulling you in the wrong direction...**



## Many Struggle With Feelings of:

- Failure as a Christian
- Condemnation
- Despair, Guilt, and Shame
- Unaccepted by God
- Wavering Faith



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02 - THE MESSAGE... PROPITIATION

**The Message of the Cross is... PROPITIATION**



**(Rom 3:24-25 NKJV)** "being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, **25** whom God set forth **as a propitiation by His blood**, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,"

**Hebrews 2:17 (NKJV)** "Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people."

**1 John 2:1-2 (NKJV)** - "My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. **2** And **He Himself is the propitiation for our sins**, and not for ours only but also for the whole world."

**1 John 4:10 (NKJV)** - "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the **propitiation for our sins.**"



## propitiation

- to appease someone's anger with a gift or sacrifice

**Romans 1:18 (NKJV)** — “For **the wrath of God** is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness”

**Romans 5:9 (NKJV)** — “Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be **saved from wrath** through Him.”

**Ephesians 5:6 (NKJV)** — “Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things **the wrath of God** comes upon the sons of disobedience.”

**1 Thessalonians 1:10 (NKJV)** — “and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from **the wrath to come.**”

**Revelation 19:15 (NKJV)** — “Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and **wrath of Almighty God.**”



God is

HOLY

THE WHOLE EARTH IS FULL OF HIS GLORY



**Revelation 4:8 (NLT) — “Each of these living beings had six wings, and their wings were covered all over with eyes, inside and out. Day after day and night after night they keep on saying, ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty— the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come.’”**

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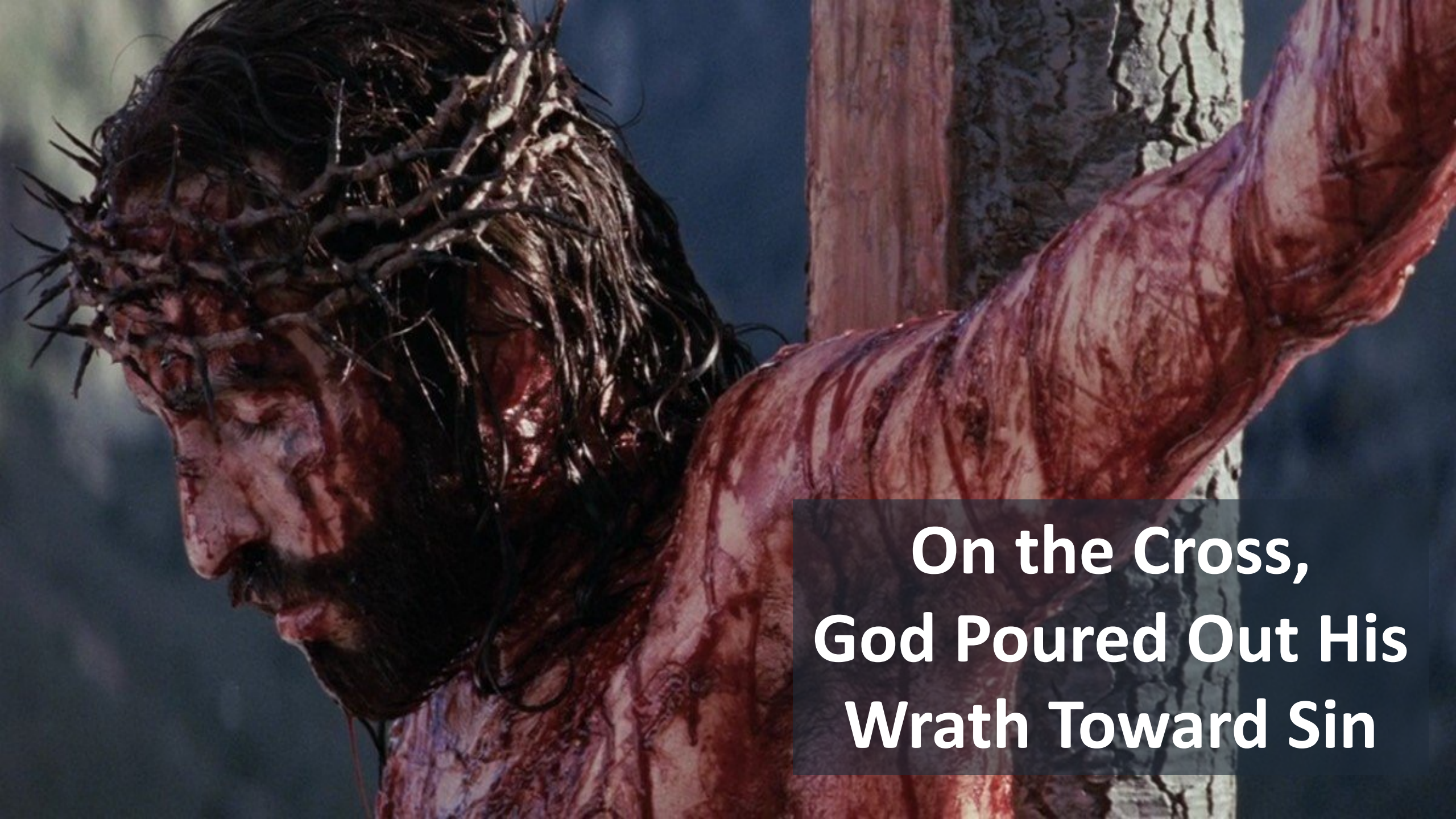
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**On the Cross,  
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02 - THE MESSAGE... PROPITIATION

**Message of the Cross... God's Not Angry With You**

**Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)** — “So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.”



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