



Crosspoint Church

AfterWords

Weekly Study: **The Old Rugged Cross**



Overview

Jesus paid the ultimate price for our salvation through a demonstration of divine love on Calvary. While the cross has become a symbol of the crucifixion, the meaning of love is much deeper. As Paul described, Christ's love is wide enough to embrace the world, long enough to last forever, high enough to raise us into new life, and deep enough to meet us in our brokenness. This week, reflect on the Old Rugged Cross as more than a symbol. Allow it to remind you of God's all-embracing, everlasting, elevating, and sacrificial love, and where fear loses its voice, pain loses its grip, and every trial meets the power of a risen Savior.



Scripture

John 15:13 (NKJV) "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."
Ephesians 3:18–19 (NLT) "How wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is..." **Jeremiah 31:3** "I have loved you with an everlasting love."
Romans 8:38–39 (NLT) "Nothing can ever separate us from God's love..." **Ephesians 2:6** "God raised us with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms."
Romans 5:8 "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."



Key Points

The Cross Reveals the Depths of God's Love

- **Love made visible.** Through His death on the cross, Jesus demonstrated His love for us. John 15:13 reminds us: "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."
- **Love beyond comprehension.** In Ephesians 3:18-19, Paul prays that believers grasp the vastness of Christ's love and tells how it is wider, longer, higher, and deeper than we can fully understand.

The Cross Demonstrates How Wide Christ's Love Reaches

- **All-embracing love.** John 3:16 declares that God so loved the world that He sent His Son to die for our sins. Not just the righteous or the religious, but everyone. His arms stretched wide on the cross to welcome all.
- **No exclusions.** The cross embraces the sinner, the skeptic, the weary, and the broken. Romans 10:13 says, "For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." The width of Christ's love means no one is beyond His reach, and the Cross is God's open invitation to humanity.

The Cross Shows How Long Christ's Love Lasts

- **Eternal love.** Jeremiah 31:3 “I have loved you with an everlasting love.” God’s love predates creation and continues beyond time.
- **Unbreakable covenant.** Romans 8:38-39 assures us that nothing, neither death, life, angels, demons, nor any power, can separate us from His love. His love outlasts our mistakes, doubts, and wandering seasons. The cross is proof that His love is unconditional and enduring.

The Cross Reveals How High God's Love Lifts Us

- **High enough to lift us.** Ephesians 2:6 says God raised us up with Christ and seated us in heavenly places. The cross turns sinners into sons and daughters, lifting us from death to life and restoring us into God’s family.
- **Deep enough to meet us where we are.** Romans 5:8 “But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” The depth of God’s love is most visible when we consider how far He had to descend to reach us.



Reflection



In what ways has Christ’s love reached every part of your life?



How has God’s everlasting love carried you through seasons of failure or doubt?



How does understanding the cost of the cross change the way you live out gratitude, holiness, and surrender?



Prayer

Jesus, thank You for the cross; a symbol of the ultimate demonstration of Your love for me. I am grateful that Your love is wide enough to embrace me, long enough to last forever, high enough to lift me into new life, and deep enough to meet me in my brokenness. Lord, let my life shine as a light to others, marked by gratitude, shaped by holiness, and surrendered to You, always remembering the price You paid for my salvation. Amen.

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