

SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE -022215
SERIES: THE CROSS OF CHRIST – WEEK 4

1. THE CROSS REVEALS: How VALUABLE EVERYBODY Is

Genesis 1:26 (ESV)

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.

"Nothing indicates more clearly the great value Jesus placed on people than his determination to suffer and die for them." – author John Stott

2. THE CROSS REVEALS: How SERIOUS SIN Is

Isaiah 53:5 (ESV)

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

3. THE CROSS REVEALS: how FREE WE Are!

A. From the POWER of Sin

Romans 6:6 (ESV)

6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would **no longer be enslaved to sin**.

Galatians 5:16 (NLT)

16 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)

13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

B. From the PENALTY of Sin

Romans 8:1-2 (NLT)

1 So now there is **no condemnation** for those who belong to Christ Jesus. 2 And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of **sin that leads to death**.

John 3:16 (ESV)

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.