

THE SIMPLICITY OF THE CROSS OF JESUS

Jesus, born without a sin nature, lived sinless and died sinless. Sin put Jesus on the cross and crucified Him. As Man, the Second Adam, Jesus was victorious over sin and death. God the Father declared that sin is condemned to the greatest extent because of the death of Jesus. Therefore, God the Father has given all authority and power to remove sin from all creation and exercise all judgment over creation. The cross of Jesus is simple in its justification for saving sinners. Jesus engages in a process of removing sin from believers and a process of making the believer righteous.

Supposed scholarly men have made the cross into a gigantic tree with branches filled with birds. The false teachings of these birds have caused many to forsake the forgiveness and cleansing love of God. They falsely teach of a god who must be appeased of his anger toward sin by a blood sacrifice. They falsely teach of a god who actively punishes Christ in the crucifixion, who punishes an innocent victim, treating him as if he were guilty of my sins.

The truth of the cross is that God the Father never rejected or punished Jesus, and the union of Jesus and God the Father was never diminished. As a Man incurring pain, Jesus felt alone, but He knew that God the Father was watching over Him orchestrating all the events of the cross.

Principles:

God never punishes the offering or sacrifice for sin. God was not punishing Jesus.

God never punished the victim (lamb) for the sins of the worshiper.

God never credits our sins upon the offering. God was not imputing our sins upon Jesus.

Jesus is fully God and fully man. There is never disunity of Jesus to the Father. Jesus is holy.

Jesus is never at enmity with God the Father. God never rejects Jesus.

Jesus never experiences the wrath of God as if He Himself had sinned. Jesus experienced the wrath of sin upon Himself and this condemned sin to the fullest extent.

God always completes the work He begins in the believer. The believer will become totally sinless and totally righteous by the work of Christ in him. The Cross of Christ makes this possible. The Cross led to Christ's authority and power to make the believer a new creation in Christ.