

THE MESSAGE FROM 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.*

1 Corinthians 1:18 (NIV)

❖ Message 1: The Message of FORGIVENESS:

*Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.*

Luke 23:34 (NIV)

*"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."*

John 15:13

❖ Message 2: The Message about FAITH:

*One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."*

Luke 23:39-43 (NIV)

*"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

Romans 10:13 (NIV)

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast.*

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

❖ Message 3: The Message concerning FAMILY:

*When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.*

John 19:26-27 (NIV)

*"Honor your father and mother"--which is the first commandment with a promise...*

Ephesians 6:2 (NIV)

❖ Message 4: The Message seeing the FULL WEIGHT of our sin:

*About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"--which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

Matthew 27:46 (NIV)

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?*

Psalm 22:1 (NIV)

❖ Message 5: The Message of FULFILLMENT:

*Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."*

John 19:28 (NIV)

*(Jesus) having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

Colossians 2:14-15

❖ Message 6: The Message of FINALITY:

*When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

John 19:30 (NIV)

*"No one takes my life from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."*

John 10:18 (NIV)

❖ Message 7: The Message of the FATHER'S LOVE:

*Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.*

Luke 23:46 (NIV)

*Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.*

Psalm 31:5

*For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

Romans 10:9 (NLT)