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Liberty Baptist Church Newsletter

Why Christ Died on the Cross



Dear church family,

In last month's article I wrote about God's love, and in part we examined how God revealed His abounding love for sinners through Christ's sacrificial death. Let's consider again this glorious theme and other reasons why He died on the cross. Oswald Chambers stated: "All heaven is interested in the cross of Christ; all hell is terribly afraid of it; while men are the only beings who more or less ignore its meaning." Human beings in general may ignore the meaning of the cross, but Christians must not, indeed cannot afford to ignore its meaning. Paul wrote to the church at Corinth: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1:18). The death of Christ is mentioned directly more than 175 times in the New Testament (R. A. Torrey, *What the Bible Teaches*). Here are some references that highlight the importance and purpose of Christ's death (listed in biblical order):

Matthew 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Romans 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Romans 14:9 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4³ For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; ⁴ And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures. 2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.

Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. **Hebrews 2:14** Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.

1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.

Revelation 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.

Christ died according to the sovereign and gracious will of God for the redemption of His people. That's why believers refer to the day of His death as "Good Friday" and seek to live for His pleasure and glory.

Your servant for Christ's sake, Pastor Stan

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"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17, ESV).

Paul writes: "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8, ESV). For this reason we worship and remember.

LBC Food Pantry

No Fooling!

Monday, April 1st @

12:30 PM

Volunteers please arrive

at 11:45AM





We will observe Communion

during the

7:00pm Worship Service

Crochet Circle

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship on Friday, April 12th at 6:00 p.m. Learn how to crochet and learn more about the Women's Discipleship Program. please bring a crochet needle, scissors, and a finger food to share. Yarn will be provided. Please sign up today!!

What's the modern-day equivalent of foot-washing? Jesus, help me serve others humbly and lovingly, following your example.

Items needed Peanut Butter & Saltine Crackers





TRAINING STUDENTS TO KNOW, LOVE, AND SERVE THE LORD!

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Who's excited for VBS 2024 ?????

We are!!!! our annual *VBS Luncheon is Sunday, April 28th* immediately following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. We pray you will consider helping in VBS this year!



Haven of Rest Service Tuesday, April 23, 2023 7:30 pm

> Speaker: Scott Pendergrass

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We invite everyone to our family fellowship and movie night on Friday, April 19th.

We will be watching John MacArthur's "The Essential Church" documentary.

Please bring a finger food and a dessert to share.

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Dinner = Grounds

SS & Ministry Leaders Luncheon

Sunday, April 21st

Immediately following Worship Service Potluck Luncheon Sunday, April 7th Immediately following Worship Contact Mary Bowman To sign up or For more info

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Saturday, May 4th 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Church Work Day

We are inviting men, women, and youth to come help work on various jobs around campus!! Many hands make light work!!! Lunch will be provided!!!

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April 1	Maggie Leonard
April 2	John Mark Darby
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April 3	Veda Gilreath
	Jared Graham
	Elizabeth Worley
April 5	Lily Phillips
	Naomi Phillips
April 7	Linda Cross
April 8	Judy Addison
April 9	Robert Chappell
April 12	Lois Penley
April 13	Max Anderson
	Tamara Graham
April 14	Brenda Stidham
April 17	Matt Darby



April 21	Jim Glass
	Gail Rishavy
April 22	Marilyn Nelson
April 23	India Barrett
April 25	Ethan Bowman
April 26	Hunter Canter
April 27	Sara Beverly
	Emma Killion
April 28	Logan Phillips
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