

# The Cross

## What did Jesus Accomplish & What Possibilities Does it Offer to Our Unity?

- 1- **1 Corinthians 1:10 – 2:5**: The cross destroys words of human wisdom and all boasting.

Review question: How would a total destruction of words of human wisdom and boasting purify our unity? Consider this in Jesus while He was here on the earth and our own life as His body.

- 2- **2 Corinthians 5:21, Colossians 2:6-23**: Jesus put away all sin at the cross.

Review question: When I receive the revelation that all my sin has been nailed to the cross, how should that strengthen our personal unity with The Father and purify my unity with other believers? What is required of me to ensure I stay in the reality that all my sin has been nailed to the cross?

What is “delighting in false humility” (v.18) and “self imposed worship” (v.23)...how are these enemies to what Jesus accomplished on the cross? In thinking about the cross, was Paul warning the Colossians that false humility and self imposed worship could take the place of the cross and leave a person lost in deception and ultimately losing what they had once gained of salvation?

- 3- **Hebrews 2:5-18**: Jesus rendered Satan powerless at the cross.

Review question: How would this reality in the heart of every believer influence our unity?

## What did Jesus Accomplish & What Was Jesus' Motivation to Endure the Cross?

Love between Jesus and the Father: **Matthew 3:17, Mark 1:11 & 9:7, Luke 3:22**: *“You are My Son, whom I love”*

**John 15:9** – “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.”

How did the Father love Jesus? **Luke 22:43, Matthew 4:11, Matthew 26:53**

How did the Father love Jesus? **Hebrews 2:10-11**

How do we reconcile these two aspects of God's love for Jesus and what are the implications to our walk with God?

**John 14:31 & 15:10** - Was the cross the perfect, ultimate expression of love in obedience to His Father? Could He have endured if the love of God had not been shed abroad in His heart?

**Hebrews 12:2** - Was the resurrection the perfect, ultimate expression of love the Father gave to His Son? How does the love of Jesus in obedience and the love of the Father in resurrection come together in our lives?

Adult Memory Verse: **John 15:9** N.I.V – **“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.”**