

19:20-24 The Doctrine of the Crucifixion
The Dividing Line 03
Series: Who is Jesus, the Christ?
Reading – **1 Co. 15:50-58** 4th December, 2016

We have been looking at the crucifixion and what Christ did on the cross. We looked at the importance of doctrine first. We are commanded and encouraged by God to hear what He teaches. Doctrine is important because its specific points of teaching are clear about a small area of a subject. These areas / points are what we put together on which to build all of our understanding. They are the indisputably clear teachings of scripture. It is what is known and firm. It is the beginning of our understanding.

- We have looked at the fact that God was in control at all times. It happened in His time and according to His plan. That alone should be a reason that we study and think on the cross.
 - **Romans 8:28-29** “²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”
- It also shows the sinfulness of sin. Sin is an active cancer that will destroy and fight against all that is good. It is bound in the heart and flesh of man. It leaves us dead and blinded in our minds.
 - From Cain to the war against God after the millennium, we see sin in opposition to God, hating God, destroying anything they can. Filled with HATE. Willing to kill and to die, just to oppose God.
- Last week we looked at the purpose of the resurrection. It was a payment for our sin. A single one time sacrifice (**Hebrew 7:27**) that paid for our sins. It placed our sin on Christ and gave us His righteous.
 - **2 Co. 5:21** “For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”
 - This is a dividing line between true salvation and false salvation, between being saved from God’s wrath and being lost, between Heaven and Hell. Only those who are forgiven, living in Christ’s righteousness will be welcomed to heaven. All those who trust in works, in their own actions and righteousness, will be lost.
 - We are saved by God’s grace. It is a free gift, by faith in Christ and His work, asking for forgiveness, and following Him. It is the start of a relationship, not a side issue. It is a direction of life. Christ’s call was always: Repent and follow me.
 - We can’t even agree to disagree over this. We can’t fellowship with those who don’t hold this doctrine, support them in any way, share in any of their ministry or let them into ours. The line must be drawn to point people to the Lord. God himself commands it.
 - **2 John 1:7-11** “⁷ For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. ⁸ Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but *that* we may receive a full reward. ⁹ Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; ¹¹ for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.”
- Today we want to look at another aspect of the cross. In many ways it is like a diamond.
 - Things that it shares:
 - Each time you turn it, it sparkles and shows its beauty in a different way.
 - It is part of a covenant / promise.
 - It is part of a marriage.
 - Things that are different:

- Yet it is infinitely more precious than a dead stone. It is a continuously effective work, giving God satisfaction for His justice.
- It is of God, by God.
- It gives life.
- It is a completed work of satisfaction of God's justice! Not just a start of a new life.
- There is more to the cross than our part as the bride. It is what we focus on because it is important to us.
 - **John 14:28-30** “²⁸ You have heard Me say to you, I am going away and coming *back* to you. If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, I am going to the Father, for My Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.”
 - A true understanding would bring rejoicing.
 - He was going where He could get more help, more power?
 - He was sinless. Satan, the ruler of this world, had nothing on Him.
 - He was telling them about this so that when it came to pass they would believe.
- It is interesting to look at the first prophecy of the cross.
 - **Genesis 3:14-15** “¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent: Because you have done this, You *are* cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”
 - Your Seed
 - **Revelations 12:9** “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”
 - Her Seed: Only one seed of a woman.
 - **Genesis 22:15-18** “¹⁵ Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, ¹⁶ and said: By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only *son*-- ¹⁷ blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which *is* on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. ¹⁸ In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”
 - **Acts 3:25-26** “²⁵ You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. ²⁶ To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one *of you* from your iniquities.”
 - He shall bruise your head...
 - Reversing of order.... This is important. Christ would be stepping on His head. There was a reason and plan... Satan would plan to strike at Jesus, but this was a plan to crush Satan.
 - The word ‘bruise’ is the same Hebrew root word used both here and in Isaiah 53:10.
 - Geneva Bible used break His head, bruise him, bruise
 - First the snake, then the serpent (Satan)
 - Bruise – Same word, to bruise, crush, break. Only used as bruise here and in Isaiah 53:10
 - GNB uses break. ESV uses crush.
 - AV - break 3, break in pieces 3, crush 3, bruise 2, destroy 2, contrite 1, smite 1, oppress 1, beat to pieces 1, humble 1; 18 times used.
 - **Meaning:** 1) to crush, be crushed, be contrite, be broken 1a) (Niphal) 1a1) to be crushed 1a2) to be contrite (fig.) 1b) (Piel) to crush 1c) (Pual) 1c1) to be crushed, be shattered 1c2) to be made contrite 1d) (Hithpael) to allow oneself to be crushed (BW's)

- The Seed of the woman would at the same time strike back, stepping on his head....
- Satan would strike against God, and it would cause pain, yet it is related to God's heal.
 - A strike from behind, painful, debilitating, but not ultimately fatal.
- What did it accomplish?
 - **Heb 2:14-15** “¹⁴ Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”
 - **1Co 15:54-56** “⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵ O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.”
 - **Romans 8:1-4** “¹ *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”
 - **Romans 6:8-12** “⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.”