

THE FALSE TEACHING OF THE CROSS

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There is a false teaching of the cross that God the Father killed Jesus in our place and appeased His wrath toward us so that He could satisfy justice and forgive us of our sins. This false teaching is contributing to many fleeing the church and fleeing God in search of a peace of their own making. Their loss of new life in Christ and eternal life is partly due to our false teaching impugning the character of God.

The truth of the Cross is that God the Father and God the Son allowed our sin to put Jesus on the Cross, where all sin of all time came against Jesus, and determined to kill Him. This atrocious act and the desiring of the death of the sinless Man, did condemn sin to extinction. Sin is defeated by this Second Adam, Jesus, for all humanity. Jesus arose with all power and authority as a Man to make new creations of all who cooperate, believe, and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior. Being made a new creation results in justice being satisfied. God freely forgives judicially all who respond in faith. The Cross of Jesus did not pay for God's forgiveness. The Cross was not a transaction of paying the sin debt, but provides for a transformation in the believer resulting in new birth and new relationship with God for all eternity. The believer is reconciled to God. God needs no change in Himself. God did not need to be reconciled to man. God freely forgives all humanity provisionally. Even though God is offended by our sin, God holds no person back from repentance and belief and will give new birth to all who cooperate with conviction from the Holy Spirit. God initiates salvation through conviction but does not force anyone to believe and receive Jesus. Saving faith is man's responsibility. Living faith is God's gift to all who receive Jesus. The Holy Spirit resides in the believer and produces the fruits of the Spirit in the transformed life as the believer learns to cooperate and live by faith. God promises to complete the work He began in the believer and bring him to glorification into a state of complete sinlessness and total righteousness. There is no imputation of the righteousness of Christ without the impartation of His righteousness. Sanctification is the progressive impartation of Christ's righteousness to the believer.

Matthew 28 John 16 Romans 5 and 8 Isaiah 53 Psalm 22