

THE SIMPLICITY OF GOD SUGGESTS THAT THE CROSS CAN BE SIMPLY UNDERSTOOD

God does not need centuries of historical debate for us to arrive at the meaning of the Gospel and the meaning of the Cross. Traditions of men likely lead farther from the truth than what God has shared in the Bible.

God has written His book so that the common man may read it with the help of the Holy Spirit and learn what he needs to do in response to the good news of Jesus Christ.

God is Simple and not segmented. God's love, justice, and power are not separate aspects of His being. His love, justice, and power are one, unified, and identical to His existence. God cannot be divided into parts, nor can "one attribute" be separated from another. Because God is not made of parts, He is not subject to change. God was in Christ on the cross. So there is no separation of God the Father and Jesus the Son. Jesus became the sin offering, not sin.

2 Corinthians 5:19-21

My Father and I are One. John 10:30

Divine simplicity confirms that the suffering and death of Christ are attributed to the person of the Son in his flesh, without altering the simple, immutable nature of God in Christ.

God was in Christ on the Cross reconciling man to Himself. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 2 Cor. 5:19

"No longer counting people's sins against them" means that God freely and provisionally forgave humanity all their sins that are against Him. God holds no one back because of their offense against Him, but allows anyone to respond to Holy Spirit conviction, believe in Jesus, receive Jesus, and be judicially forgiven of all sin. God's provisional forgiveness allows and requires human responsibility in coming to Christ in order to receive judicial forgiveness. God takes the initiative by convicting all of sin, the need for righteousness, and the fact of future judgment.

Our choice is whether to see through the lens of Reformation Theology as it has evolved for centuries or simply see through the lens of Scripture guided by the Holy Spirit. God condemned and defeated sin at the Cross in the flesh of Jesus. Romans 8:3