

Westwood Baptist Church



Grounded. Growing. Going.

Worship Guide for April 10, 2022

Sermon Notes

Why The Cross Matters David's Redeemer...and Ours

Psalm 130; Titus 2:11-14

This week's sermon introduction is the same as last week. As we prepare to celebrate Resurrection Sunday, we are considering the cross of Christ, what happened there and why. We are examining two doctrines that are central to the gospel, Substitution and Redemption. We are doing this by first looking back through the eyes of King David, through the lens of the Old Testament, because "without the Old Testament we would not understand our New Testament properly. The Old Testament lays down the basis on which we understand the main revelations that come to us from God in our New Testaments." (Alex Motyer)

Redemption has been described as "the glorious truth that Christ has paid a price to set us free from our old life of wickedness in order that we might belong to God and live to serve him." What Christ has done cannot be properly understood apart from the rich history of God's redemptive work on behalf of his people. The New Testament writers worked and wrote under the assumption that their readers had read the Old Testament!

Why does the cross matter?

The cross matters because of our desperate need:

We deserve to die as the penalty for sin.

We deserve to bear God's wrath against sin.

We are separated from God by our sins.

We are in bondage to sin and to the kingdom of Satan.

The cross matters because that's where our need is met:

Sacrifice: Jesus died the death we deserve; He was our substitute. (Romans 5:6-8)

Propitiation: Christ died to remove us from the wrath we deserved. (1 John 4:10)

Reconciliation: God "through Christ reconciled us to himself." (2 Corinthians 5:18)

Redemption: In Christ, God took upon himself the full cost and responsibility for our salvation and freedom from sin and Satan's kingdom.

David's Redeemer: The Old Testament record of the redeeming work of God

David's Family – his Great-Grandmother's testimony:

a "kinsman-redeemer" willing to pay. (Ruth)

David's Nation – God's promise to pay the price for Israel's redemption (Psalm 130:7-8)

David's Debt – God's promise of atonement:

to cover over and do away with the sin debt. (Leviticus 6:7)

Our Redeemer: The Fulfillment to all the Old Testament Promises of Redemption

Christ came to ransom us. (Mark 10:45)

Christ came to free us. (Colossians 1:13)

Christ came to make us holy & useful. (Titus 2:13-14)

Weekly Discipleship Guide

Know

What does God intend for me to know?
In your journal, use the following prompts to write some truths that stood out from this week's message.

I never knew...	I was reminded...	A question I still have...
I was challenged...	I was convicted...	A truth I could share...
I was encouraged to...		I need to dig deeper into...

Be (Consider)

What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider?
In your journal, use the following questions to write some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.

Is there a command to obey?	Am I convicted to confess any sin?
How am I compelled to exalt God?	Is there a sin to avoid?
Is there a promise to claim?	How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel?
Is there a principle to follow?	How can I pray for someone else?
Is there an example to follow?	What am I compelled to love or desire?

Do (Yield)

How does God's Word call me to yield my life? In your journal, write your answers and thoughts in response to the following questions.

Read 1 Peter 1:13-25 together. How does this passage help us understand who we were before redemption? According to Peter, how are we to live in light of our redemption? What are we to pursue, both individually and together?

How should remembering who we were and what our situation was *before* Christ shape our posture toward those who are outside of Christ? What specific words from the above passage help us in this?

How does the reality of our redemption color our understanding of and fuel our celebration of the resurrection?

**Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.*

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