

The Death of God Part 2

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The Sacrifice of God

Matthew 27:45 Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour.

⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"

⁴⁷ And some of those who were standing there, when they heard it, *began* saying, "This man is calling for Elijah."

John 19:28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I am thirsty."

Matthew 27:48 And immediately one of them ran, and taking a sponge, he filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink.

⁴⁹ But the rest of *them* said, "Let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him."

The Power of God

Matthew 27:50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice,...

John 19:30 ... "It is finished!" ...

Luke 23:46 And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit." And having said this, He breathed His last.

Matthew 27:50 ...and yielded up *His* spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook; and the rocks were split,

⁵² and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;

⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many.

⁵⁴ Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

⁵⁵ And many women were there looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him,

⁵⁶ among whom was Mary Magdalene, *along with* Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

The Burial of God

⁵⁷ And when it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.

⁵⁸ This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered *it* to be given over *to him*.

⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away.

⁶¹ And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the grave.

⁶² Now on the next day, which is *the one* after the preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together with Pilate,

⁶³ and said, "Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I *am to* rise again.'

⁶⁴ "Therefore, give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day, lest the disciples come and steal Him away and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last deception will be worse than the first."

⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go, make it as secure as you know how."

⁶⁶ And they went and made the grave secure, and along with the guard they set a seal on the stone.

Application: The Power of God is focused in

the cross, an instrument of death and radical transformation

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:22 For indeed Jews ask for signs, and Greeks search for wisdom;

²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness,

²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 2:2 For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

**1. The cross is an instrument of death and radical transformation on which
God b_____ our sins**

Colossians 2:13 And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

¹⁴ having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us *and* which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

¹⁵ When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

**2. The cross is an instrument of death and radical transformation on which
we were c_____**

Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.

²¹ "I do not nullify the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the Law, then Christ died needlessly."

Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase?

² May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

³ Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

⁴ Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also *in the likeness* of His resurrection,

⁶ knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin;

⁷ for he who has died is freed from sin.

⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

**3. The cross is an instrument of death and radical transformation on which
we c_____ ourselves**

Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

¹⁷ For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

¹⁹ Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,

²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,

²¹ envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

²⁴ Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

²⁶ Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

Galatians 6:14 But may it never be that I should boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

4. The cross is an instrument of death and radical transformation which we are to c_____

Luke 9:22 ... "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day."

²³ And He was saying to *them* all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

²⁴ "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.

²⁵ "For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?

²⁶ "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when He comes in His glory, and *the glory* of the Father and of the holy angels.

Luke 14:25 Now great multitudes were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them,

²⁶ "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

²⁷ "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

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