

CHRIST'S LOVE FOR US AT THE CROSS

Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates His own love toward us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us on the cross."

God, Son, Jesus, died for you and me because of His love for us and also our sins.

Hebrews 12:2 "Look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy endured the cross, despising the shame and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

He endured the cross, for we are the ones who should have been there. But he, Jesus, took our place.

As we also come before the table of forgiveness we sometimes lose our focus on the death of Jesus and our sins; as we examine ourselves before we partake of the loaf and the cup.

Jesus took it all the way to the cross and suffered the death we should have suffered.

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Just think of the broken body, nail-pierced hands and feet, the blood that is running down His face and body; the shortness of breath and the pain of it all.

Hebrews 9:22 "Without the shedding of blood, there would be no forgiveness of sins."

Remember the love He has for you in taking it all the way to the Cross so we would have victory over death and the grave.

I Corinthians 11:23-26 "For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: the Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed took bread and when He had given thanks He broke it and said, 'Take eat this is my body which is for you, do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way after supper, He took the cup, saying this cup is the new covenant in my blood, do this in remembrance of me. For whenever you eat and drink this cup you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

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