

THE CONQUEST OF CHRIST PART 3

“The Cross” 1 Peter 3:18 April 17, 2011

What was the reason for the Cross? _____
Life is short.
Death is sure.
Sin the curse,
Christ the cure.

1 Peter 3:18, “For Christ died/suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.”

Three truths about how God deals with sin:

I. The V Substitution of the Cross

Old Testament examples of substitution:

- The Passover L _____
- The S _____
- B _____

1 Peter 1:18-19. “For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.”

A. There was the E suffering of Christ.
Matthew 26:28, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death.

Luke 22:44, “And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood.” This is called *hematidrosis*.

B. There was the B suffering of Christ.
The word *excruciating* comes from a Latin word, *excruciatos*. It literally means, *out of the cross*.

II. The Vital S of the Cross

Tetalesti = It is finished; paid in full.

Hebrews 10:12 -14, “But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.”

Isaiah 53:11, “God the Father will see the suffering of His soul and shall be satisfied.”

III. The Victorious S of the Cross

Romans 5:10, “For if, when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!”

The word “brings” in 1 Pet. 3:18 is the Greek word *prosago* which means to take an individual and present him to a king or a dignitary.

A wise woman encourages King David to be reconciled to his son Absalom. **II Samuel 14:14**, “Like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be recovered, so we must die. But God does not take away life; instead, he devises ways so that a banished person may not remain estranged from him.”

To Honor The Cross I will ...

- Memorize **1 Peter 3:18**, “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.”
- Read and meditate on John 19, the Crucifixion of Christ.
- Thank Jesus for being my substitute on the cross.
- Invite a friend to the Easter service next week.