

Outline – March 13, 2022
Isaiah 53:3-12; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
2 Corinthians 5:21; John 19:30
“The Grace OF The Cross”

Are Not All Religions The Same?
What Makes You Think You Are Right?

- I. **The uniqueness of our faith**
 - A. Saved by grace through faith in Messiah
 - B. The power/importance of the great exchange
 - 1. Difficult to comprehend
 - 2. Isaiah 53:6
 - 3. The paradigm, sacrificial goat, scapegoat
 - 4. Placing the sins on one
 - 5. Setting the other free
 - 6. Taking on judgement
 - 7. Setting free
- II. **The uniqueness of the cross**
 - A. Where grace and judgement meet
 - B. The crucifixion of Jesus happened at a unique time
 - 1. Passover (1st major holiday of Spring)
 - 2. Celebration of God’s judgement that passed over while in Egypt
 - 3. The blood of the lamb was on the door post of those who obeyed
 - C. Jesus went to the Cross because our sin was placed on Him
- III. **The uniqueness of the great exchange**
 - A. He who knew no sin became sin
 - B. Jesus remained silent before Pilate
 - 1. Why didn’t He say something
 - 2. Because God was placing our sin on Him
 - 3. Judgement was falling on Him
 - 4. As the perfect sinless Son of God became sin
- IV. **The uniqueness of our judgement upon Jesus**
 - A. The cross
 - 1. Invented by Persians
 - 2. Perfected by Romans
 - 3. Considered the most heinous of deaths
 - 4. Deuteronomy 21:22-23 – Cursed is anyone who hangs on a tree
 - B. A deterrent of terrorism
 - 1. Good crucified in one day
 - 2. Line the roads for 140 miles (Here to Lake Charles)

- C. The process was torturous
 - 1. Beaten by Roman soldiers
 - 2. Beaten by Roman whip (By his stripes)
 - 3. Nailed to a cross
 - 4. Shoulders separated
 - 5. Dehydration
 - 6. Taunted
 - 7. Dying of asphyxiation
 - 8. Heart ruptures
 - 9. Spear in His side – flowing of blood and water
 - 10. Not a bone to be broken

V. The rest of the exchange

- A. As Jesus takes our sin He gives us His righteousness
- B. Nothing more needs to be done for eternal life
- C. It is finished
- D. We can do nothing more for God's love, salvation or forgiveness
- E. That is grace
- F. That is salvation (meets both requirements)
 - 1. Must be perfect
 - 2. Must be sinless

VI. The inane responses to the cross of grace

- A. I can do something (good works) to insure my salvation
- B. Religious piety, ceremony, ritual
- C. I am not so bad
- D. I live a good life
- E. I have too much shame and guilt
- F. You don't understand my
 - 1. Defense of my sin
 - 2. My story and reason
 - 3. Those who are to blame
- G. These responses declare
 - 1. You don't understand the need for Grace
 - 2. What God accomplished at the cross for us

VII. At the cross

- A. Grace given to humanity
- B. Judgement fell on Jesus
- C. As the sky formed black and the earth shook and temple veil tore
- D. Jesus declared "It is finished"
- E. His Grace rescued us from judgement

- F. A grace that saves, pardons, forgives, adopts, gives eternal life
- G. One minute after your death if you have received His Grace you will know joy unspeakable

**But If Not It Will Be Forever Too Late
Receive The Grace Found At The Cross**