



the Saviour dying in the place of sinners, to reconcile them to God and to one day bring them to live with God. For then, for all eternity, glory, honour and praise shall be given unto Him for this so great salvation.

What love is behind the death of Christ on that cross!

“God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16

The death of Christ on the cross is God’s way of saving His people from their sins. It is the power of God unto salvation. Let us thank the Lord for His eternal love to our souls when He loved us all the way to Calvary. For in doing so He loved us all the way to heaven.

Just as the Lord Jesus surrendered to the cross as the only way to save sinners, we too are called to surrender to the cross as the only way to be saved. Nothing else will reconcile your guilty soul to God than the victorious death of Christ on that cruel tree. It is therefore the sole object of our faith.

“Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.”

You can be saved from all sin by accepting the sacrifice Jesus offered at Calvary. Call on God to save you by the power of Jesus’ atoning work on the cross.

You can hear this message by audio or view it by video on www.sermonaudio.com/cloverdalefpc or use this QR code.



Let the Bible Speak is the radio ministry of

The Free Presbyterian Church in Cloverdale

18790 58 Ave Surrey, BC V3S 1M6

Sunday School hour for all ages: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Radio Programs on Radio KARI 550 AM Monday—Friday 5 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Sundays 9:30 a.m. One Hour Church Service

Website: www.cloverdalefpc.ca - Sunday Services available by live webcast

Email: cloverdalefpc@telus.net

Pastor Ian Goligher — Phone: 604-576-1091

LET THE BIBLE SPEAK



The Gospel for Today!



The Lord Jesus said,

“Verily, Verily, I say unto you,

Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.”

John 12:24



The Lord was speaking of His own death. He knew that unless He laid down His own life for sinners, there could be no church on earth, nor in heaven.

This is the law of sowing and reaping. And the gospel message is that Christ set Himself to die for us.

“...God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:8



Every grower knows that a seed must die in the earth to bring forth a harvest. It is the wonder of creation, and it happens every time seed is sown in the earth. The original seed must give up its life to bring forth a future harvest.

So it is with the death of Christ. As the Saviour of sinners, He must die, that we sinners may be brought out of our death into new life with God in heaven. If there had been no Saviour to die, then there would be no sinners saved from sin. The Bible gives clear reasons for this principle of life coming to believers through the death of the Lord Jesus:

- Jesus is a Saviour for sinners, who are totally powerless to save themselves. The Bible refers to all men as “**dead in trespasses and sins**” (Ephesians 2:1), and to be “**without strength**” (Romans 5:6). A dead person cannot bring himself back to life. He needs the power of God to give him new life. That includes all men in this fallen world.
- The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). This is physical and spiritual death, including separation from God. Through his first sin, Adam was immediately under the sentence of death and driven out from the presence of God. He dwelt in a world cursed with death. Death and decay are all around us and its sentence is upon us and in us. We cannot shake off the fact that from the moment we are born we are dying.
- With the eternal purpose of saving sinners from their sin, God demanded an atoning sacrifice to reconcile guilty sinners to Himself. Because sin is an attack against His holy character it offends God. It stirs up God’s wrath. God cannot be ambivalent to sin, nor can He ignore it, for He is perfectly righteous and must judge all sin without partiality. Sin must be punished. Either it is punished in the person who offends, or in a substitute. When the Lord Jesus died on the cross He was a substitute standing in the place of sinners. He took the wrath due to sinners upon Himself, so that there is no wrath upon believers who trust in the death of Christ. So, to accomplish man’s salvation, the Lord Jesus had to die, and die a horrible violent death suffering for sin.
- God has ordained blood atonement as the way to satisfy His divine justice. By the shedding of blood God accepts the sacrifice as payment for sin. This is a thoroughly Biblical principle. It is explained in this Old Testament text:



“**For the Life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul**” (Leviticus 17:11).

Therefore, and this is the conclusion of the matter, the Lord surrendered to the cross unto death that He might make atonement for our souls. The effect of atonement is to make God and sinners to be at one, hence the term AT-ONE-MENT.

The Lord would save His people by dying for them. He would gather them into glory and present their souls to the Father washed from all sin and perfectly white in God’s sight.

The Lord Jesus went on to say:

“*Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour*” John 12:27

This clears up the whole intent of the Lord in dying at Calvary for us. Here, we get a little window into the heart of the Lord, who felt the weight of His death coming on. All the dials were pointing to his hour of suffering. Did he ask to be delivered? This Bible text says, No, he would not pray for release. The Lord was controlled by the whole purpose of His death to die in the place of sinners to save them for heaven.

In saying, “*For this cause came I unto this hour,*” He was declaring His full intent of laying down His life as a substitute for His people. Everything in the Lord’s life was to fulfil this master plan. Right in the hour of pending death, and unto death itself, Jesus was in the centre of God’s will.

No one stayed more on focus through youth and manhood than the Saviour. He was sent by the Father to die, and He was fully surrendered to the cross. We see that in His prayer, “**Father glorify thy name**” (John 12:28). The Lord Jesus was not seeking the honour of His own name. Rather, he was set upon bringing glory to the Father. That’s what redemption was all about. When the Lord offered Himself as a sacrifice in the place of sinners, He was adding honour and praise to His Father’s name.

The salvation of sinners brings greater glory to God than the creation of the world, for the Lord Jesus taught that a soul is of more value than the whole world, and God will gather in an innumerable company of souls into heaven. Nothing brings more glory to God than the work of