

- I Cor. 2:2 → For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
- 1Cor. 15:1-3 → 1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures...
- I Pet. 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

- Col. 1:20 → And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.
- Col. 2:14 → Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;
- Heb. 12:2 → Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Assurance of God's Love

- The death of Jesus on the cross the ultimate display of God's love for us.
- John 15:13 → Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
- Rom. 5:6-8 → For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 (For rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person perhaps someone might possibly dare to die.) 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (NET)
- Jn. 3:16 → For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- IJn. 4:9-10 → In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (cf. v-19)

The Amazing Plan, Wisdom and Power of God

- Before creation, God made His plan to redeem sinners. (Job. 38:4)
- I Pet. 1:18-20 → the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20 Who verily was foreordained <u>before</u> the foundation of the world...
- Rev. 13:8 → ...the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
- Eph. 1:4 → "...he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:"
- Rev. 17:8 → whose names were not written in the book of life <u>from</u> the foundation of the world,
- II Tim. 1:9 → but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,
- Titus 1:2

 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;
- Acts 2:23

 Him, being delivered by the <u>determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God</u>, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain (cf. 3:17-18)

The Forgiveness of Sins

Understand the nature of sin:

- I Jn. 3:4 → 4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.
- Isa. 59:2 → 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.
- Rom. 6:23 → For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

See the need in our own lives:

- Lk. 18:13 \rightarrow "...God be merciful to me a sinner."
- Ps. 6:2-7.

Humble Obedience

- Jesus, who came to do His Father's will (Jn. 6:38; 4:34), prayed "thy will be done" (Matt. 27:42)
- He humbled himself and became obedient unto death on the cross. (Phil. 2:8)
- Heb. 5:8-9 → 8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; 9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;