

What happened at the cross?

GOD SHOWS HIS LOVE AT THE CROSS – John 3:16, John 15:13, Rom 5:8, Gal 2:20, Eph 2:4, Titus 3:4-7, 1 John 3:16, Rev 1:5-6

Context or picture	What was achieved?	Why was this necessary?	How is this achieved through the cross?	Bible (a few)	What Jesus' death achieved on the cross for believers	What is the Christian's response to what Jesus has achieved for us?
<i>Temple Sacrifice</i>	Atonement, forgiveness of sins	We have all sinned and fallen below the standard of God's holiness and so we deserve God's wrath – God loves right and good, and hates what is wrong.	Jesus is the once for all sacrifice for sin. In and through the person of his Son, God himself bore the penalty which he himself demanded so we can be forgiven.	Rom 3:23-26 2 Cor 5:21 Eph 1:7, 5:2 Heb 9:26-28 Heb 10:10	We are cleansed, purified and our sin is forgiven and we are made holy.	We are to live for king Jesus 100% - offer ourselves to God as 'living sacrifices' Rom 12:1-2
<i>Slave market</i>	Redemption, freedom	We are 'slaves' to our own bad habits (flesh) and to the pressures of our society (world) and ultimately to Satan himself.	Jesus paid the price, the ransom (of his life given on the cross) to Satan to buy us back for God and bring us into God's kingdom.	Mark 10:45 1 Cor 6:20 Gal 3:13-14 Pet 2:18-19	We are free and given 'power' of the Holy Spirit to live differently.	We are to use our freedom to love each other and to live for God Gal 5:13-26
<i>Law Court</i>	Justification, acquittal, righteousness	We are guilty as law-breakers and deserve the sentence of death as people who have rebelled against God.	Jesus took upon himself the punishment that was due to us so we can be 'made righteous'.	Rom 3:23-26 Rom 5:9 Rom 8:1 2 Cor 5:21	We are made right with God. There is no longer any condemnation.	We live now in right relationship with God and he transforms us Rom 5:1-5
<i>Family, community</i>	Reconciliation, acceptance, peace	We have a broken relationship with God (at enmity with God) and this has affected relationships with other people as well.	At the cross Jesus broke down all the barriers that separated people from God and each other	Rom 5:10-11 2Cor 5:18-19 Gal 4:4-7 Eph 2:11-22	We are adopted as children of God and now part of the people of God.	We have the job of reconciling others to God and each other 2 Cor 5:18-20
<i>Funerals (death)</i>	Victory over death and hell and the devil	Since sin came into the world, everyone faces death. Fear of death and of evil powers before and after death affects us all.	Jesus died and was buried BUT God raised him from the dead victorious over all evil powers and with the 1 st resurrection body'.	John 3:16-17 Rom 5:17, 6:23 1Cor 15:20-23 Col 2:13-15	We have eternal life and spiritual authority now and a wonderful future	We live without fear of death or evil; with sure hope of life with Christ 1 Thess 4:13-14
<i>Suffering and pain</i>	Healing and wholeness	One result of sin/evil in the world is that we are broken and damaged people who need help to cope with life issues day by day	Jesus wounds are a means of us being healed and his own suffering means he can stand with us.	Heb 4:15-16 Heb 12:1-3 1 Pet 2:21-24 Rev 21:4, 22:2	We can bring all the damage sin does to us to Jesus for help & healing.	We will share in Christ's sufferings but also in his wholeness and glory Rom 8:17
<i>Damaged human mind-set</i>	Right thinking and eternal perspective	Our whole way of thinking, our priorities and understanding has been corrupted and warped by our sin and rebellion against God.	The cross where God turned defeat into victory turns our natural human thinking and values upside down.	Rom 12:2 1 Cor 1:18-31 1 Cor 2:16 Col 3:1-3	We can have the mind of Christ to see the world as it really is.	We can now live in the light, seeing God at work in everything 2 Cor 5:16-17