

GOD'S GREATEST GLORY
The Cross of God
(John 12:27-28)

“The achievement of Christ’s cross must be seen in terms of revelation as well as salvation.”
(John Stott)

- I. God’s Glory DISPLAYED
 - A. The Cross ILLUMINATES the glory of God’s HOLINESS (Hab. 1:13; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; 6:16)
 - 1. The holy God is FAR REMOVED from sinful man
 - 2. The cross is our ONLY MEANS of access to GOD
 - B. The Cross EXPOSES the glory of God’s WRATH (1 John 2:2)
 - 1. The wrath of God must PUNISH all SIN
 - 2. The cross FULFILLED God’s demands and SATISFIED His wrath
 - C. The Cross DEMONSTRATES the glory of God’s LOVE (Rom. 5:8; 1 John 4:9-10)
 - 1. We were HELPLESS in our SIN
 - 2. Through the cross, God RESCUES those who were His ENEMIES
 - D. The Cross EXHIBITS the glory of God’s IMMUTABILITY/
UNCHANGEABLENESS (Gal. 4:4-5; Rev. 13:8)
 - 1. The cross was PLANNED from the BEGINNING
 - 2. The cross OCCURRED at the APPOINTED TIME
 - E. The Cross REVEALS the glory of God’s GRACE (John 19:30; Rom. 3:24)
 - 1. Sinners owe a DEBT we cannot FULFILL
 - 2. The cross PAYS our DEBT as a GIFT from God

- F. The Cross EVIDENCES the glory of God's POWER (Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 1:18; Col. 2:15; 1 John 3:8)
 - 1. The cross DEFEATED sin and DESTROYED the works of the devil
 - 2. The cross LIBERATED sinners and makes believers NEW CREATIONS
- G. The Cross SHOWS the glory of God's FAITHFULNESS (Gen. 3:15; 17:7; 21:12; Isa. 11:2; Ps. 132:11)
 - 1. When Adam sinned, God PROMISED a SAVIOR
 - 2. The cross FULFILLED a series of PROPHECIES
- H. The Cross PRESENTS the glory of God's MERCY (Ps. 103:8-11; Eph. 2:4-8)
 - 1. Sinners DESERVE the JUDGMENT of God
 - 2. The cross SURPRISES us with MERCY
- I. The Cross MAGNIFIES the glory of God's WISDOM (1 Cor. 1:21-22)
 - 1. How could God remain JUST while JUSTIFYING the UNJUST?
 - 2. The problem is brilliantly RESOLVED in the cross
- J. The Cross DISPLAYS the glory of God's ETERNALITY (John 5:24; 11:25-26; Eph. 1:4, 11; 2 Tim. 1:9; Rev. 5:6)
 - 1. God's PLAN of redemption was INITIATED before CREATION
 - 2. God's PURPOSE of redemption grants LIFE ETERNAL
 - 3. God's PROGRAM of redemption was worked out in TIME at the CROSS
- K. The Cross MANIFESTS the glory of God's SOVEREIGNTY (Acts 2:23)
 - 1. Every PARTICIPANT in Christ's crucifixion acted WILLINGLY
 - 2. Every ACT in Christ's crucifixion was part of God's PREDETERMINED PLAN
- II. God's Glory DISHONORED/DEGRADED (Gal. 5:11; 6:14)
 - A. Focusing on a MAN-centered message at best OBSCURES and may DENY the significance of Calvary
 - B. The cross must be CENTRAL to our MESSAGE