

The Significance of the Cross

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[0 : 00] Hallelujah. We thank God you've tuned into this message by David Entry at Caris Church. No hand can help you with the fulfillment of your destiny but the Word of God.

May God's hand align you further into your destiny through this Word. Galatians chapter 6 verse 14 Shall we have New King James on the screen?

And shall we all read it out from the screen? Out loud. Let's go. One more time.

But God forbid that I should boast except the importance of our Lord Jesus Christ. I will know all that He should aspire to me and I should boast. Hallelujah.

Amen. He said, God forbid that I should boast except. So in other words, if there's something I'm going to boast in, God forbid I should boast in my background, my education, my achievements, my importance.

[1 : 17] Anything that normal person boasts in, He said, I can't be boasting in those things. If I should boast, I'm not supposed to boast in them because there's nothing natural that holds eternal value.

So there's nothing natural that is permanent. Why should I boast in something that is passing? But He said, if I should boast, then I will boast in the cross.

Right? Right? God forbid that I should boast except in the cross. And He personalizes the cross because in those days, many people died on different crosses.

He said, this cross I will boast in is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. It's the cross that made Him our Lord Jesus Christ.

So our Lord Jesus Christ became our Lord Jesus Christ legitimately because of His cross. So Galatians chapter 1 verse 4, He said, Who gave Himself up for us?

[2 : 26] Talking about Jesus. Galatians 1 verse 4, who gave Himself for our sins. How did He do it? On the cross, He gave Himself.

He sacrificed His life for our sins. And the only place He did that was on the cross. So Jesus Christ's work on earth was manifested and fulfilled on the cross.

Now, when He was being crucified, so when you read the book, the gospel according to Matthew or Mark or Luke or John, you will see a fair, healthy representation of the cross there.

In what way? The activity that happened when Jesus was being crucified, so somebody acted a movie. When I was a child, we used to watch Jesus' movies. You know, that has been acted.

They are different Bible stories, movies. But Jesus, when He was being crucified, you know, now when you look at some of those, you can tell they didn't act them well. They were not well acted, properly acted.

[3 : 50] But we used to watch them, and He gave us an idea of what happened on the cross. And then when Mel Gibson's movie, Passion of the Christ, came, many people who went to watch it wept.

They were crying. They were crying. You know, I think I recently, it was the Easter I preached about, don't have sympathy. He's not looking for your sympathy.

Because the cross is necessary. So don't feel sorry for Him for the cross. So, anytime you feel sorry for Jesus for the cross, that is why the religious people in Christianity, who make a whole scene of sorrow around the cross, actually have missed the purpose of the cross.

The cross is a place of triumph. It's not a place of sorrow for the believer. That's why, at the cross, where I first made love, there's a song like that.

At the cross, at the cross, where I first made love, something, that's where Jesus died to save me. All of us came through the cross. So, when you watch that movie, people were crying and all that.

[4 : 58] But you can understand why people would cry. Until I began to understand a lot more. And I realized that really, it really was not capturing.

It was capturing the human side of the gospel, or so, of the cross, that engenders sympathy. How can you watch that movie and say, I'll boast in the cross?

The cross is not a matter of sorrow. It's a matter of triumph for the Christian. That's why we triumph. It's just on the cross that Jesus made a public show, triumphing over the devil in the cross.

In the cross, Colossians. He said, chapter 2, he said, he triumphed over, he made a public spectacle over principalities and powers, triumphing over them in the cross.

Hallelujah. So, he says that, having disarmed principalities, that's from verse 14, for having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that were against us, which was contrary to us, and having taken it of the way, he, having nailed it to the cross, having disarmed principalities and powers, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in the cross.

[6 : 28] In the cross. Triumphing over them in the cross. First Corinthians, chapter 2, verse 2. He said, I was interested, when I come to your church, I'm not interested in your music, it's then the music.

Even the music, if I can hear the cross inside, I like it. He said, that's already allowed, let's go. For I am striving not to know anything among you. Except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

One more time, louder. For I am striving not to know anything among you. Except Jesus Christ. He said, that's what matters. I want to know Jesus Christ.

The focus of your worship and your behavior, your meetings, should be built around Jesus Christ and Him crucified. So he says that, for no other foundation can anyone lay, except that which is, verse 11 of yesterday's reading.

Ah, except that which is already laid, which is Jesus. Hallelujah. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus.

[7 : 32] Jesus is the foundation. And to examine Jesus as foundation, it is starting from the cross. The cross. There are things that one of the major assignments of a good pastor is to rescue some ways.

Rescue some ways. A good pastor has to protect some ways. Preserve some ways. We have to preserve certain ways in the church.

So we don't only care for people. We also care for the ways. Yeah, we have to care for the ways. Some ways like forgiveness. It's church.

These are Christian ways. Some ways like sacrifice. Some words like fellowship. Some words like service.

They need to be guarded in the church. Else it can be hijacked. Or it can be missing. Some words are getting lost in the church. Words like the cross.

[8 : 40] Hell must be rescued back in the church. Words like hell. Oh yes. Some of you, hell must scare you to Jesus. Fear of hell is a healthy fear.

Oh yes. Some words are necessary. How can you be a strong Christian without being familiar with justification? And it's so common in our charismatic churches nowadays.

Many pastors, some of the people you know as church leaders and pastors, ask them about justification. And they'll say what? Please. All those jargons.

Hey. So now why am I sharing these things? Because God has given us assignment. And you can't see revival in the absence of some words.

These words must be the key words in our daily operations. Worse in our vocabulary. Yes. They must be the key words in our vocabulary or in our spiritual lexicon.

[9 : 54] Some of the words must be rescued back. Some of the words must, they are lost. They are lost in the church. There are people, some of you used to be in church already.

Before you found charis. And you never knew some words. In fact, you thought, oh, these are just. Never. They're foreign. But meanwhile, these are heavy. You're lost.

Bible. In fact, they capture the meaning of Christianity. How can you be a Christian and you only wear the cross? But the cross, you know, is the story of the cross. But you don't know the meaning of the cross.

There is a meaning. So when you read Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, you will not really find the meaning. It was Paul. So when they were crying, when Jesus was being crucified and the disciples were feeling sorry for him and all that.

They didn't know the meaning of what was going on. So we read two days ago that if the princes of this world, verse 8 and 9, chapter 2, had known, they wouldn't have crucified.

[10:59] Because they didn't know that the problem of the devil was going to be their crucifixion. Yes. Yes. Said, which none of the priests of this world knew.

For had they known, if they would have not crucified the Lord, they would have aborted the crucifixion. They don't know. Is it not sad that you can also be in church and not know? When I was reading chapter 2, it says that there are things the world don't know. Said, which things God reveals to us by his spirit.

Reveals by his spirit. Said, there are things the world don't know these things. The world does not know some things. So they see our gathering, they think, oh, it's just a few bunch of people. They are just having. No. No. This is a move of heaven on earth. Listen, until the message of the cross captures your heart, you are either not a Christian or you are a very weak Christian.

[12:06] Very weak Christian. The message of the cross must always do something to you. Must always do something. It's like you love it so much because you know what it means to you.

It never feels okay with you. Every time it feels fresh. Because the power of the cross is eternally fresh. Please sit down.

It's a good place to shout a living hallelujah. It's a words like repentance. And so we started pushing and talking about repentance.

In 1 Corinthians chapter 1, it says that, verse 18. They preach. Why is it foolishness? Why is it foolishness?

Because the cross is a sign of weakness. You are preaching a crucified conqueror. You are preaching a murdered Messiah.

[13:06] Oh, please. It is not something. That's why it says that it's foolishness. It's foolishness. Who will accept this? Who will even accept this?

It said, if our message is hid to those who are perishing. 2 Corinthians chapter 4, verse 3. If I heard the message is hidden. It's... And I saw something when I was reading recently.

It said, these things God has... That we speak... That will be chapter 2. Chapter verse 7. How be it? We speak the wisdom of God. It said, how be it?

We speak the wisdom of God in the mystery. Even the... The what? The what? The what? It is hidden. You can go to school and never find it. Chat GPT doesn't know about it.

Google search won't find it. It's hidden. There's only one search that can find it. Yes. So, he said... He said...

[14:08] All the things of the... Even the... Yeah. The deep things. Verse 10. Verse 10. He said... Verse 10. 1 Corinthians chapter 2, verse 10. Please.

But God has revealed these things to us by His Spirit. It's the Spirit that does the search. He said... For the Spirit... Oh... It's the God's search engine.

God's search engine. God's search engine. It's the Holy Spirit. This is deeper than chat GPT. This is not AI.

It's R-I. it's r i real intelligence that's the real one that's the real one the other one is artificial oh come on i feel like preaching that's the real intelligence is the searches that the holy spirit and he says that the holy spirit is able to search even the deep yeah the deep things of god oh which things we speak with west not west that human wisdom teach that's why we have to rescue the west oh i feel like we said this this we speak all right let's go to the verse verse 10 where it says that which things we speak is it here which things we also speak not with west which months see so when we begin to do church christianity with man's wisdom we'll begin to eclipse the cross that's why your evangelism the cross message of the cross is muted in your evangelism it's not evangelism it's not evangelism the only thing that serves is the cross and you are going to save people and you have put the cross behind in your boot the cross should be in the driver's seat and don't join the cross leave the cross alone at the front seat don't be a co-pilot the cross must pilot it which words we speak there are some words that must be rescued there are words that god's search engine give us is that what like this something please sit down yeah this is ri yeah really intelligence that's what makes us christians that's why we are listen a christian not someone who is coming to your worship is no quality if you are worshiping so god will give you something then you are the object of the worship the reason for the worship is you it's not god god doesn't want he wants um i hear somebody puts it this way said true worship is royal waste of time it's royal waste of time because

there's nothing in it for you it's all just him look the body it's the royal is for the royalty so you are just you that's why some people can't sacrifice because they always ask what's in it for me there are some places when you are preaching you have to tie whatever they do for god to if it's actual benefit they are seen on earth that's part of the african revival you have to tie so you are going for evangelism because through that you meet your husband that's why you go it might not be bad in itself but i think it leaves a lot of room to be desired so he says that verse 18 again first corinthians chapter 2 chapter 1 verse 18 he says that for the preaching of the cross for the preaching for the preaching of the did you what what do we preach what do we preach the cross it's the same as we preach christ crucified we preach the preaching that's the preaching of the cross that's the preaching of the cross that's the preaching of the cross somebody say the preaching of the cross how can you preach the cross and people will know about the meaning of the cross the cross i'll just end by giving you just the the significance of the cross the cross is not for you just for god so he says that but unto us which are saved it the preaching of the cross it is the power of god the preaching oh sir the power is the preaching it's the power of god the jews require a sign greeks wisdom but we preach christ verse 23 but we preach christ christ that is the cross preaching of the cross we preach what we preach i was reading first corinthians chapter one without the aid of any material or anything i noticed something very interestingly a few days ago the first 10 verses is only the verse 5 that it didn't mention christ or christ jesus every verse christ christ jesus our lord christ first 10 verses even the first five makes reference to him but i'm surprised it is everything is christ every verse christ every every verse is mentioning christ or christ jesus our lord jesus our lord jesus christ christ our lord jesus christ from verse 1 and he was driving it towards the cross we are christians because of the cross in what way what's the meaning of the cross then in what way does the cross because galatians chapter 5 verse 11 it says that i'm not preaching circumcision of the law that's why i'm in trouble yeah it's because if i have it says that i brethren if i if i yet preach circumcision why do i yet suffer persecution i'm not preaching i'm then is the offense is then is the offense of the cross ceased! because if you stop preaching the cross people will not be offended but because he's preaching the cross now he's been persecuted true preaching exposes you to persecution on sunday i'll be talking about how every time there is preaching there'll be division and then there'll be opposition when they go preach pure gospel they'll always be the people will be divided some will receive some will not receive because it is foolishness to those who are perishing they're preaching it says so verse 23 first corinthians chapter 1 verse 23 it says that but we preach christ crucified unto the jews say say say say say say if god wants to save some people why must he preach a message that will be a stumbling block to them to the jews it's a stumbling block to the greeks this is this complete bonkers bonkers i'm too smart for you to be telling me this crap and sometimes i don't know how many of you have tried to preach to somebody before and they make you look like that's so stupid look at the nonsense you are saying you're telling this bonkers through human research bible says the verse 21 it please god god said i like it like that god did something very true he said since in the in god's wisdom he has plan his wisdom his wise plan is that his wise plan is that human beings through research will never find him the hidden wisdom of god through research so it it pleased god that through is please go in the wisdom of god they'll it please god that their wealth through wisdom did not know god through research through human research human intellectualism he said you won't find god that way doesn't mean wisdom is wrong no it's not wrong human wisdom cannot find god that's what he's trying to say he says for since in the wisdom of god that's god's system of operation the world through wisdom did not

[22 : 51] know god it pleased god through the so you want me know you don't want to know me let me show you so that no one can boost the cross is offensive of the cross is a sign of weakness i want everybody to come humble so it's a true the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe their message preached and the message is about christ crucified is somebody getting what i'm saying christianity that's where it starts that through the preaching of the message of the cross now quickly let me just say this in short shortly so when you look at matthew mark look and john and you see what happened there is the truth but you won't understand it until you go into the epistles and it begins to unfold it and tell you that when christ was dying on the cross he was dying for us so he said he gave himself for our sins but why would he do that in god's legal system he has put in place how he another person can die for somebody else so it was mimicked in the old testament by the death of the bulls and the goats so god could accept it but there was a little problem with no a little a big problem with the blood of bulls and goats because you can't use your

copper to exchange for my goat for 24 carat gold no you cannot go and buy a shoe from primark and he says the same as the shoe from what june is it june yes and so i should take it like that no i will take it like that i will take that you can go and buy buy a suit from where temu and then somebody's suit from morse bro is it morse yeah morse bro is the same just swap level no it's not the same it's not the same so pastor frank is driving his bentley and and he says he should leave it with you and then later you should go and sell it you go and sell it i'll buy a better one for you then you bring him fiat and he says it's the same car point of fiat it's the same so you see the blood of bulls and goats cannot take care of the human problem so but this watch this the principle of substitutionary atonement was strongly enshrined in the law just that there was nothing qualified to substitute for human death so we needed another human life but even the other human life must be different from adam's it must be a sinless human life first peter chapter 1 verse 18 and 19 without spots and without blemish but all the problem is all have sinned and are falling short so everybody is dead on arrival everybody is tainted and stained every human being's blood is stained so we needed a blood that is stainless a stainless blood stainless blood so it's a spotless blood stainless blood but what's the point of the blood being stainless and not being used because the stainless spoons that are not used is not a spoon worth having stainless blood of jesus must be applied that is why when he said i'm going to die on the cross and

peter said you can't go and i said get behind me satan he said to this end have i been born that's why he came he gave himself for god so loved the world that he gave his only begotten now let me end with romans chapter 3 that's the way where i'm going romans chapter 3 the verse 25 pastor it's so strong these words must be rescued in the church they are lost they are they are lost they are biblical ways they are biblical ways the holy ghost gives god sets forth as a propitiation let's use those bibles that help us to lose the ways let's use them that's why i usually don't celebrate um when a pastor only bible uses his message bible he's not he doesn't study his bible properly i'm telling you he can't feed you with biblical truth pastor all you quote is message bible anyway leslie before we get a preacher who's using that and then people encourage are judging the person who got displayed publicly as even the ones we brought the word it's a propitiation let's see let's see um the other one nlt maybe you you use a different way because i want ah as the sacrifice for sin you see how it's watered it down propitiation is when you have somebody has run into your car you pack your cars run it's a very wealthy person you've packed your um petrol he's running to it he said don't worry i'm going to tomorrow come to my office i'm going to give you a brand new lexus yes doesn't matter in fact you you know you were very upset but as soon as you see that kind of compensation you are happy it happened you are wondering how can this thing happen again you get it yes so propitiation is to appease anger somebody's so angry with you angry with you angry with you and you pay is the other uh english word is to placate to appease do something for the person to now the anger okay okay from genesis to jesus showed up the anger of god why because he's so righteous the human sin that adam did so we are all born into it and then when we can we come and contribute more so we we were aggravating and activating the anger of god then christ came isaiah chapter 53 verse 11 christ came and died on the cross and god saw the travel of his soul he said and he shall see the travel of his soul and he shall be satisfied wow by the knowledge by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many for he shall bear the iniquity god saw the travel of his soul and his anger against him his righteousness was appeased so in romans chapter 3 verse 25 it says that it says that who god talking about jesus whom god set forth to be a propitiation through faith you see where the cross comes in in his blood the blood needed to be shed it was god himself who was working because god was to show you how he sees sin god was so angry with sin the only time he was able to vent all his anger somebody asked the question when we sin against god the punishment for our sin is hell how long would that be eternal so then if the punishment for sin is eternal punishment how can somebody being on the cross for a few hours be able to absorb eternal that that's not just that's that's not right you know like for like that's not like for like the answer is this is not an ordinary man he's an eternal person he's an eternal person so his work on the cross has eternal value eternal impact eternal significance shout hallelujah he's an eternal person that is why his blood could absorb he could absorb he could absorb the sins of abraham to his time and from from his time to the end of the he absorbed all the sins and still there is more room to akoma kabashada higher rakata bashada higher that's why we preach that so when you saw him on the cross he was big god was working christ was working god was busily venting all his anger to the extent that when you

come into christ there is no anger of god against you he doesn't have it he doesn't have it he was able to that's where his anger and his pleasure met because he saw the travel of his soul and god good he was happy his justice has been made that's where the wrath of god met the love of god it was for god look at it it says that he shall see no it says that who god set forth as a propitiation by his blood through faith to for god this is who is doing the demonstration god to demonstrate god's righteousness because in his forbearance god had passed over the sins that were previously committed to the extent that people were charged is god righteous at all can't you punish him and god was looking like weak because he wasn't dealing with sin and there was a question mark on the integrity of god and the character of god and he said god said i'm righteous i will demonstrate my righteousness he forgave those who were sinning in advance he was forgiving them he was for on credit sorry he was forgiving them on credit waiting for the day where all the sins which have been have been piled on the side will be oh and then you see that god is righteous he punished jesus to demonstrate how righteous he is to show how he is that to demonstrate at this present time his righteousness that that's that's even that's the message that the the core message the greatest message in the bible is that that god might be just and the justifier how do you know what it means to justify it means that god said you are innocent that's a problem that's a problem do you know the problem about that because you know you are not innocent everybody knows you are not innocent and god a righteous judge sits on his seat of judgment and he pronounces a guilty person innocent how how can he do that and still be just he said jesus christ so that he will be just god will be just at the same time the justifier the justifier of the one who has faith in jesus said hallelujah this this is too sweet too sweet god was able come up please god was able to look at a guilty sinner and he said you are righteous and god still be just on what grounds he's going to do that on the grounds when the sins have been fully paid for in the tetelestai it is finished he paid it in full on the cross and so there's no charge against the one who puts his faith two things being justification does it doesn't just take care of your sins that's the sweet part of it it doesn't take just take care of your sins because justification it's not just you being declared innocent justification is you being declared righteous when you haven't done righteousness so he takes the righteousness of christ and imputes it into your account and it takes your negative red account and credit it and pushes it on shout hallelujah because if your sins are just forgiven it's not enough if you are owing seven months reign and you don't have a job and i paid for you it means move out you can't move out but you can't move out free now but you can't pay the next one see that's the problem but god just paid the debt and then now bought the house for hallelujah hallelujah this is what is called good news the preaching of the cross the preaching of the cross so when a christian is talking about the cross we know what we are talking about and i rest my case put put your hands together for the lord oh come on give jesus praise for the cross give jesus praise for the cross some people don't have sin that's why it doesn't mean anything to you but to him whom much is forgiven when you know where you're coming from and romans before he went there but before he went there he says that for all have sinned all all all all all have sinned and falling short of the glory of god but god said i'm going to do something he said sinner just quiet don't do anything i'll fix it it he fixed it everything and he said if you accept it it's yours but first of all you must admit you must admit that you are a guilty sinner so the good news won't be good news until you know the bad news first you are a sinner that's why if we allow the word as sinner to be missing in the church we will have proud people on our puppets people who don't value anything they don't even value god because what is it if god just give me a husband give me a wife give me a baby miracle baby and if you don't give me i'm upset with you you see you see it's because of those missing words that's why you talk the way you are talking you have the audacity to say i'm even leaving church it's the missing words that i've got you missing some words are lost that's why you are getting lost yeah we need those words back humility these are words that are normal in the church carnality no one wants to be no one wants to be canada when you are talking to a sister and you feel some way about her you make sure you don't let that feeling you surprise because you don't want to be canada if you don't even allow the thoughts to develop as you go home you don't let it because you don't want to be canada no it's all missing all these words have been thrown out of the church carnality you don't most people don't know carnality when you don't what the last thing you want is your christian mother to tell you that this is flesh this is flesh oh no no no no it's a big insult to you this is flesh but when all these words are missing people don't realize how satan is taking control satan has hijacked some of the ways he has hijacked it from the church and you've seen it in a different way he has hijacked like pride hijacked some of the west and using it in a different way so to desensitize the impact godly impact

of those ways we can't see revival until the agents of revival restore these ways yes and we know the meaning of these ways not for argument not for confrontation but it is the bedrock of our life in christ we know it we know it and we we we talk about this and these words are part of our language this is part of our lexicon lift up your hands just thanking for the cross that you you a sinner a sinner like you and i will be standing in church we love you lord thank you for listening to this message by david entry we pray you have been strengthened and enlightened you can connect with david entry on all relevant social media platforms including instagram and linkedin you can also hear more messages from david entry on all relevant streaming platforms and the caris church app don't forget to like and share the message be blessed