

RISEN - WORTH DYING FOR

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I. **John 3:14-17**

A. **Two important questions we need to answer that dramatically impact our Christian perspective:**

1. What “really” happened at the cross?
2. If we really “get” what happened at the cross, how does that change how I live?

B. **The Cross is a place of 3 things:**

1. A Place of Redemption - We were worth dying for.
2. A Place of Relationship - Membership has its privileges.
3. A Place of Responsibility - He is worth dying for.

II. **John 3:V14-17** -

A. **V16** - This is Christianity summarized - This is THE GOSPEL! GOOD NEWS!

1. G - God's
2. O - Only
3. S - Son
4. P - Perish
5. E - Eternal
6. L - Life

III. **Num 21:4-9**

A. **On the way** - A road, course of life

B. **Ex 20:4** 4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image — any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;

C. **2 Cor 5:21** 21 For He made Him who knew no sin **to be sin for us**, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

D. Old Testament was a copy, Jesus was the REAL DEAL

1. **John 1:29** 29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

2. **Heb 12:2** 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross...
 - a) When a person looks to Jesus on the cross in faith just like the Israelites were healed of their affliction we are also healed and delivered from the curse of sin.

IV. **Gal 3:10-14** - Reversing the curse

A. **V10-12** - Live by faith and not the law

1. **James 2:10** 10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.
2. **Rom 3:20,27-28** NLT 20 For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. 27 Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith. 28 So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.

B. **V13** -

1. **Redeemed** - *exagorazoo* - Payment of a price to recover from the power of another. To buy out!
2. **Gen 3 - Fall of Man, Curse of Sin**
 - a) **Gen 3:7** - Curse of the law - Made themselves covering - self righteousness
 - b) **Luke 10:19** 19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.
 - (1) Jesus says that He gave us **AUTHORITY** over all the power of the enemy, He did not say He gave us **IMMUNITY** over all the power of the enemy.
 - c) **Rom 8:19** 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.