



# **We Need Spiritual Explanations At Times**



**Matthew 13:24-43**

**Matthew 13:36**

**Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.**

**Matthew 15:16**

**And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding?**

# HOW TO EXPLAIN THE CROSS



# **Why Must The Cross Be Explained**

## **A. The Cross must be preached**

**1 Corinthians 1:18**

**For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.**

## **B. The Cross must be followed**

**Luke 14:27**

**And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.**

## **C. The Cross is opposed**

**Philippians 3:18**

**For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:**

# I. Crucifixion

## A. Consider the cross

**1 Peter 2:21-24**

**21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:**

**22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:**

**23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:**

# **I. Crucifixion**

## **B. His death was effective**

**1 Peter 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.**

- 1. He died in our stead that we might live**
- 2. He died because he loved us**

**John 3:16, Romans 5:8**

## **II. Resurrection**

**A. Christ's death would have meant nothing without His resurrection**

**1 Corinthians 15:14-19**

**14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.**

**15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.**

**16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:**

## **II. Resurrection**

**A. Christ's death would have meant nothing without His resurrection**

**1 Corinthians 15:14-19 - continued**

**17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.**

**18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.**

**19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.**

## **II. Resurrection**

### **B. The angel conveyed Christ's message**

**Matthew 28:6-7**

**6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.**

**7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.**

**1. The proclamation**

**2. The power**

**3. The presence**

### **III. Obedience**

**A. God and man meet at the center of the cross**

**1 Timothy 2:5**

**For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**

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**Romans 8:3**

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# **III. Obedience**

## **C. Christ's obedience**

### **Philippians 2:8**

**And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**

### **Hebrews 5:7-8**

**7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;**

**8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;**

# **III. Obedience**

## **D. Our obedience**

**Acts 5:29**

**Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.**

## **E. Our choice to obey or disobey**

**John 3:18**

**He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

## **IV. Salvation**

### **A. The cross means forgiveness for our sins**

**1 Peter 3:18**

**For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:**

**1 John 2:2**

**And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**

## **IV. Salvation**

### **B. The cross means cleansing for our sanctification**

#### **1. Brings purity or heart and soul**

**Hebrews 13:12**

**Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.**

## **IV. Salvation**

**B. The cross means cleansing for our sanctification**

**2. Brings power for service**

**Romans 6:6**

**Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.**

**2 Corinthians 13:4**

**For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.**

## **V. Sacrifice**

**A. Christ's sacrifice was for our forgiveness and  
cleansing**

**Hebrews 10:12-14**

**12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for  
sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;**

**13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made  
his footstool.**

**14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them  
that are sanctified.**

## V. Sacrifice

**B. We may be called to sacrifice our time, talent, or our treasures**

**Matthew 16:24-26**

**24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.**

**25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.**

**26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?**

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