



Sunday November 22, 2020
The Message of the Cross

1 Corinthians 1:17-18

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The message of the Cross is central to our life of faith.

People in the Old Testament lived under the shadow of the Cross.

They saw the Cross from a distance, so to speak.

We live in the light of the Cross. We see and understand the meaning of the work of Jesus Christ completed on the Cross.

They had pointers to the Cross.

They had pieces of a puzzle, so to speak, but none could see the entire picture assembled.

POINTERS TO CHRIST'S WORK ON THE CROSS

He is....

The Seed of The Woman (Genesis 3:15)

The First Clothing Made of Animal Skin (Genesis 3:21)

Abel's Sacrifice of Firstborn Sheep (Genesis 4:1-5)

God's Provision for Abraham's Sacrifice (Genesis 22:8,14)

The Passover Lamb (Exodus 12:1-13)

The Rock from Which Water Flowed (Exodus 17:1-6; Numbers 20:1-12; 1 Corinthians 10:4). The first time it was struck. Thereafter, the Rock was spoken to.

The Offering in the Levitical Sacrifices (Burnt offering, Sin offering, Trespass offering and Peace offering Leviticus chs 1,4,5,7)

The Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16). He is the Sin Offering and the Sin Bearer

The Bronze Serpent in the Wilderness (Numbers 21:4-9, John 3:14-18)

The One Who Hangs on A Tree (Deuteronomy 21:22-23)

In the Psalms, He is....

The Lord's Anointed (Psalm 2:1-9, Acts 13:33)

The One Whose Garments Were Divided by Lots (Psalm 22:16-18, Matthew 27:35, John 19:24)

The One Whose Bones Were Not Broken (Psalm 34:20, John 19:32-37)

The One Against Whom Fierce Witnesses Have Risen (Psalm 35:11, Mark 14:57-58)



The One Betrayed by His Own Familiar Friend (Psalm 41:9, Luke 22:47-48)

In Isaiah, He is...

The Servant Who Will Justify Many (Isaiah 53)

The One Wounded in the House of His Friends (Zechariah 13:6, Matthew 26:31)

The One Whom They Have Pierced (Zechariah 12:10, Revelation 1:7)

The Messenger of the Covenant in Whom God Delights (Malachi 3:1-3)

The Sun of Righteousness with Healing in His Wings (Malachi 4:2)

They experienced a foretaste, we enjoy the full meal.

They received a down payment of something to come, we have the completed and finished work.

LIVING IN THE LIGHT OF THE CROSS

Today we have the full message of the Cross, so that we can live in the light of the Cross.

#1, FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. So we no longer live under guilt, shame and condemnation.

We have been justified and made righteous.

#2, REDEEMED

We are redeemed. We are God's purchased possession.

Satan has no claim over us, no power over us, no access to us.

#3, HEALED

We have been healed and made whole by the stripes of Jesus.

We can walk in wholeness and soundness of spirit, soul and body.

#4, BLESSED

We are blessed with every spiritual blessing.

God did not withhold His only Son, and therefore gives us all things freely.

#5, VICTORIOUS

We are triumphant over the enemy. Satan is crushed, defeated, judged, sentenced and rendered powerless before us. We walk as overcomes. We reign in life through Jesus Christ.

THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS

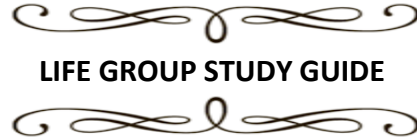
We must believe it, live by it and share it!

Believe in the message of the Cross.



Live by the message of the Cross.
Share the message of the Cross.

MINISTRY TIME | SALVATION CALL



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons. Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: *Isaiah 53*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1, Review the five blessings of the Cross that were mentioned in the sermon and how we live in the reality of the completed work in our daily lives:

Forgiven



*Redeemed
Healed
Blessed
Victorious*

If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.*

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

E-LEARNING: <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

MUSIC: <https://apcmusic.org>

MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: <https://pamfi.org>

CHURCH APP: <https://apcwo.org/app>

CHURCHES: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/churches>

WORLD MISSIONS: <https://apcworldmissions.org>