

price for us(1 Pet. 2:24; 3:18a). Therefore, the cross of Christ is the cross of God's love and righteousness.

IV Two aspects of the effect of the cross—John 19:34:

A The cross solved the problem of sin. The precious blood that the Lord Jesus shed on the cross cleanses us from our every sin—

1 John 1:7, 9.

B The cross solved the problem of death. The death of the Lord released God's life, that we may receive God's eternal life—John 12:24.

V Two aspects of God's complete gospel—2 Cor. 5:14-15:

A Christ died for us, so that we don't have to die—2 Cor. 5:14; 1 Pet. 2:24; 3:18a.

B Christ lived for us, so that we don't live to ourselves—Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 5:15.

VI The way to receive the gospel of God—John 1:12; 3:16; Rom. 10:9-13:

A We need to believe (to receive) Jesus Christ, and receive Him as our Savior through prayer, so that we won't perish, but have eternal life.

B We need to believe with our heart, and confess with our mouth. Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved and enjoy all the riches of the Lord—Rom. 10:9-13.

The Cross of Christ

Scripture Reading:

Math. 16:13 Now when Jesus came into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, Who do men say that the Son of Man is?

14 And they said, Some, John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.

15 He said to them, But you, who do you say that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name,

14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

18 No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that every one who believes into Him would not perish, but would have eternal life.

John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water.

Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no other, for neither is there another name under heaven given among men in which we must be saved.

I Man's condition and destiny:

A "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God", "There is none righteous, not even one" —Rom. 3:23, 10.

B "For the wages of sin is death" —Rom. 6:23a.

C "And inasmuch as it is reserved for men to die once, and after this comes judgment" —Heb. 9:27.

D "Having no hope and without God in the world" —Eph. 2:12b.

II Who is Christ:

A Christ is the Son of the living God, the only begotten Son of God (Mat. 16:16; John 3:16). God's only begotten Son is God expressed (John 1:18), and also the Word of God, which is the defined, explained, and expressed God (John 1:1).

B Christ is God becoming man, a perfect man without sin—John 1:14; Acts 2:22.

C Christ is the Savior of all men—Acts 4:12.

D Christ is the life-giving Spirit—1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17.

III The significance of the cross of Christ:

A Christ was crucified on the cross, so the cross signifies the death of Christ—Phil. 2:8.

B God so love the world that He desires all men to be saved, not intending that any perish (John 3:16; 1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9), but God is righteous, and righteousness is the foundation of the throne of God (1 John 1:9; Psa. 89:14). According to God's righteousness God has to judge sinful men, so He Himself became a man to be judged and died on our behalf and paid the