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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“Christ and the Sinner”**

Jesus Christ Our Great High Priest

THE THEME OF THIS SERIES:

**Colossians 2:9**

**“For in Christ all the fullness of the Godhead dwells  
in bodily form”**

TOPICAL SUBJECT REFERENCED UNDER:

**The Sinner, Salvation, Repentance**

**INTRODUCTION:**

**Romans 1:13-17**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that

I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles. 14 I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. 15 That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome. 16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written:

**"The righteous will live by faith."**

# IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT IT IS AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK...

## "THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS"

1 Corinthians 1:17-18

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 "SINNER" GOD'S OBJECT OF AFFECTION

How is it that coming to the understanding that we're lost children, Who in fact are all together corrupt and guilty before God as malefactors...

How is it that we who have come to receive God's offer of salvation through Jesus Christ, embrace this news with the greatest affection of our own... the wonderful

#### CROSS of CHRIST

Joshua 1:8-9

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 "Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed**, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

### The Cross

The Gospel of God is the greatest news in the world,  
But it comes wrapped in the most unattractive decor

## 1.) The Sinner's Condition

### a.) Is Spiritually Hopeless

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you,

Luke 4:42-44

Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them; 43 but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent." 44 And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

### b.) Is Consciously Guilty

just as I have had among the other Gentiles.

### c.) Is Physically Condemned

I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks,  
both to the wise and the foolish.

# The Cross

## 2.) The Sinner's Responsibility

### a.) Is to Count the Cost

### b.) Is to Make a Decision

### c.) Is to Turn to the Truth

# THE GLORY OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 3:15

but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

## 3.) The Gospel's Priority

### a.) It's Our Only Remedy

That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome.

Ephesians 3:8-10

To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; 10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church

1 Corinthians 9:16-17

For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel. 17 For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me.

### b.) It's Our Only Power

I am not ashamed of the gospel,  
because it is the power of God for the salvation

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. 2 For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day

John 1:11-12

He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

## c.) It's Our Only Message

of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

1. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed,
2. a righteousness that is by faith
3. from first to last, just as it is written:
4. "The righteous will live by faith."

1 Corinthians 1:23-25

but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

## THE DISCIPLES DIDNT GET IT EITHER

Matthew 16:21-22

21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. 22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

## THE CROSS - - THE CROSS

the electric chair, the gas chamber, lethal injection, the gallows, the guillotine

## THERE IS NO SUCCESS IN THIS

Acts 2:22-24

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know-- 23 "Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; 24 "whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.....:37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, **what shall we do?**"

2 Corinthians 13:4-5

- 4 For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives 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.  
5 Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?-- unless

1 Peter 2:6-8

6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." 7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,

# TRAGICALLY

2 Corinthians 4:3-5

3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.

## The Message You Reject – Judges You ! God Saves The Sinner By HIS Gospel

Romans 10:13-15

13 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." 14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!"