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## The Cosmic Cross

**Matthew 27:26**

### The Revelation of God's Glory

**1 Cor 15:3** ...Christ died for [the forgiveness of] our sins...

**1 Peter 2:9** ...you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him Who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light...

- This means that our salvation is God's means through which He accomplishes His eternal plan to glorify Himself.

**2 Peter 1:3-4** ...[God's] Divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him Who called us to His own glory and excellence ... 4 so that through them you may become partakers of the Divine Nature...

- When looking at the cross we must 1st remember that the cross was the work of God through the death of the Son for the accomplishment of His eternal will.

**Acts 2:23** ...Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God...

- This is why Jesus embraced the cross with *joy* (Heb. 12:2).

**John 17:1-2** *When Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You 2 since You have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him.*

- The cross is the means of the Father's glory in the death of the Son that will be manifested in His redeemed people.
- What is this glory? It is the revelation of the glory of God's unique love.
- The ultimate purpose of the cross is the display of the glory of the Father's love for the Son and the reciprocal love of the Son for the Father as manifested in the propitiatory death of the Son so that the love of the Father may be manifested in His people [1 John 3:1].

**John 14:31** *I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father...*

**John 10:17** *...the Father loves me, because I lay down my life...*

- For God to declare the glory of His intrinsic love necessitates the original creation, the fall, the O.T., the Incarnation of the Son, the cross and the resurrection and exaltation of the Son, which results in the New Creation and the sending of the Holy Spirit for the creation of the church, to be consummated in the return of the glorified Son from Heaven in the formation of the New Heaven and the New Earth.

- The cross is about the glory of God in His forgiveness, justified, and adopted people.
- The love with which the Father loves the Son and the Son loves the Father is given to us by grace, received by faith.

*John 17:26 ...the love you have for Me may be in them...*

*1 Cor 8:6 ...there is one God, the Father, from Whom are all things and for Whom we exist...  
...Jesus Christ, through Whom are all things and through Whom we exist...*