

THE PURPOSE OF THE CROSS

Beloved, we need to understand the cross from God's perspective – from His point of view,

When Jesus died on the cross, He opened a new and living way to God!

Hebrews 10:19, 20

The provisions that His death on the cross secure are overwhelmingly astounding!

Hebrews 10:21, 22

I. The purpose of the cross is to Redeem and Purify us.

Titus 2:14 AMPC

A. Redeem us from all iniquity!

1. Iniquity includes the condition of the heart.

2. Sin is the transgression of the Law, the action driven by the Iniquity in the human heart.

B. Purify us making us eager and enthusiastic about living for Him.

When Christ redeems us from all iniquity,

He gives us a new nature. **(a new heart)**

Galatians 6:14-17

2 Corinthians 5:17

II. The purpose of the cross is that Christ might bring us to God.

1 Peter 3:18

He brings us into favor with God.

Romans 8:1 AMPC

III. The purpose of the cross is to bring us into sonship with God.

Galatians 4:4, 5

A. We understand adoption. - [A child has no claims until adopted.]

B. By nature, we have no claim on God until He adopts and saves us.

Ephesians 2:12, 13

C. Once adopted, we become heirs of God, joint heirs with Christ.

Romans 8:14-17

IV. The purpose of the cross is that Christ might deliver us from the present evil world.

Galatians 1:4, 5

A. As long as we are in this body, we are going to be subject to

1. The temptations of this evil world.

2. The hardships of this world.

2 Timothy 2:11-13

John 15:18, 19

B. Note the prayer of Christ

John 17:15-23