Essential Doctrines

of the Faith Series (Part 8)

“THE CROSS: GOD DIES”

Answering the questions:

I. what is “crucifixion?”

* Invented by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ around 500 BC.
* Perfected by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the days of Jesus Christ and used up until reign of Constantine in 300 AD.

“22 “And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, 23 his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but You shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God.” Deuteronomy 21:22-23

* A crucifixion’s cause of death is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Often carried out \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Often done at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ level.
* Tens of thousands of people were crucified.

 II. How did Jesus die?

“3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.” Isaiah 53: 3-4

III. WHY DID JESUS DIE?

“5 He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities” Isaiah 53: 5

“12 He poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors,” Isaiah 53: 12

“He was delivered up for our trespasses” Romans 4: 25

“. . . while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5: 8

“Christ died for our sins.” 1 Corinthians 15:3

“For Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.” 1 Peter 3:18

“He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.” 1 John 2:2

“Penal Substitutionary Atonement”

-Penal: penalty for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Death)

-Substitutionary: Jesus was crucified as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for us.

-Atonement (“at-one-ment”): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for our sin-debt to reunite us to God.

IV. WHAT DID JESUS’ DEATH ACCOMPLISH?

a. Jesus is our J\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 Corinthians 5:21

b. Jesus is our P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” 1 John 4:10

“4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.” Psalm 51: 4

“5 But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.” Romans 2: 5 (NIV)

YOM KIPPUR - “Day of Atonement”

c. Jesus is our E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.” 1 John 1: 7

V. DOESN’T THE CROSS CONTRADICT GOD’S LOVE?

The Cross is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Love of God!

“For God so love the world that he gave his only Son.” John 3: 16

“Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends.” John 15: 12-13

“God demonstrates his love for us in this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5: 8

“In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” 1 John 4:9-10