



# WHY THE CROSS?

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# There are two important teachings in the Bible.

1. The essential teaching is that Jesus Christ is God's divine Son who gave His life for Humankind. (THE CROSS)
2. The Second most important teaching regards the baptism of the Holy Spirit. (HOLY SPIRIT)

# **God is love**

**1 John 4:16. His nature, His law, is love. It ever has been; it ever will be. “The high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity,” whose “ways are everlasting,” changeth not. With Him “is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” Isaiah 57:15; Habakkuk**

**Every manifestation of creative power is an expression of infinite love. The sovereignty of God involves fullness of blessing to all created beings.**

**The history of the great conflict between good and evil, from the time it first began in heaven to the final overthrow of rebellion and the total eradication of sin, is also a demonstration of God's unchanging love**

**Satan had represented**

**God as**

**1. Selfish**

**2. oppressive**

**3. claiming all, and**

**4. giving nothing, as**

**5. requiring the service of His  
creatures for His own glory,**

**6. making no sacrifice for their**



**Satan with his fierce temptations wrung the heart of Jesus. The Saviour could not see through the portals of the tomb. Hope did not present to Him His coming forth from the grave a conqueror, or tell Him of the Father's acceptance of the**



**He feared that sin was so  
offensive to God that  
Their separation was to  
be eternal. Christ felt the  
anguish which the sinner  
will feel when mercy  
shall no longer plead for  
the guilty race.**

**It was the sense of sin,  
bringing the Father's  
wrath upon Him as man's  
substitute, that made the  
cup He drank so bitter,  
and broke the heart of  
the Son of God.**

**{DA 753.2}**

**God and His holy angels were beside the cross. The Father was with His Son. Yet His presence was not revealed. Had His glory flashed forth from the cloud, every human beholder would have been destroyed. And in that dreadful hour Christ was not to be comforted with the Father's presence.**

**He trod the wine press alone,  
To the angels and the  
unfallen worlds the cry, “It is  
finished,” had a deep  
significance. It was for them  
as well as for us that the  
great work of redemption had  
been accomplished. They  
with us share the fruits of**

**Not until the death of Christ was the character of Satan clearly revealed to the angels or to the unfallen worlds. The archapostate had so clothed himself with deception that even holy beings had not understood his principles. They had not clearly seen the nature of his rebellion. – {DA 758.3}**

**It was God's purpose to place things on an eternal basis of security, and in the councils of heaven it was decided that time must be given for Satan to develop the principles which were the foundation of his**

**He had claimed that these were superior to God's principles. Time was given for the working of Satan's principles, that they might be seen by the heavenly universe. – {DA**

**At the beginning of the  
great controversy, the  
angels did not  
understand this. Had  
Satan and his host then  
been left to reap the full  
result of their sin, they  
would have perished**



**but it would not  
have been  
apparent to  
heavenly beings  
that this was the  
inevitable result of**

**A doubt of God's  
goodness would have  
remained in their  
minds as evil seed, to  
produce its deadly  
fruit of sin and woe.**

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**But not so when the  
great controversy shall  
be ended. Then, the plan  
of redemption having  
been completed, the  
character of God is  
revealed to all created  
intelligences.**

**Well, then, might the  
angels rejoice as  
they looked upon the  
Saviour's cross; for  
though they did not  
then understand all,**

- 1. They knew that the destruction of sin and Satan was forever made certain,**
- 2. That the redemption of man was assured, and**
- 3. That the universe was made eternally secure.**



# **The Condition of Salvation**

1. Faith in the Lord  
Jesus Christ.
2. Repentance from  
sins

# John 10:7-9

**7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP.**

**8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.**

**9 I AM THE DOOR: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.**











