

## **THE SOLUTION**

God Talk – Part 7

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### **I Corinthians 1:18**

*“For the message about Christ's death on the cross is nonsense to those who are being lost; but for us who are being saved it is God's power.”*

*I Corinthians 1:18 (TEV)*

## **HOW THE CROSS SOLVED OUR BIGGEST PROBLEMS**

### **1. REPLACEMENT: HE TOOK MY PUNISHMENT.**

*“God sent Christ Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to end all God's anger against us.” Romans 3:25 (LB)*

*“God took the sinless Christ and poured into Him our sins. Then, in exchange, He poured God's goodness into us!” II Corinthians 5:21 (LB)*

### **2. REDEMPTION: HE BOUGHT MY FREEDOM.**

*“He gave His life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message that God gave to the world at the proper time.” I Timothy 2:6 (NLT)*

*“They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity--for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him.” II Peter 2:19 (NIV)*

*“We can never redeem ourselves; we cannot pay God the price for our lives, because the payment for a human life is too great...” Psalm 49:7-8 (TEV)*

### **3. RECONCILIATION: HE RESTORED MY RELATIONSHIP TO GOD.**

*“We were God's enemies, but He made us his friends through the death of His Son...” Romans 5:10a (TEV)*

*“All this newness of life is from God, who brought us back to Himself through what Christ did. And God has given us the task of reconciling people to Him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. This is the wonderful message He has given us to tell others.” II Corinthians 5:18-19 (NLT)*

#### **4. REPUDIATION: HE DEFEATED DEATH AND THE DEVIL.**

*“The Son of God came for this purpose: to destroy the devil’s work.”  
I John 3:8 (NCV)*

*“And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.” Colossians 2:15 (NIV)*

*“Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—Jesus also became flesh and blood by being born in human form. For only as a human being could He die, and only by dying could He break the power of the Devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could He deliver those who have lived all their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.” Hebrews 2:14-15 (NLT)*