

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Hymn 129	At the Cross
Welcome / Prayer	
Hymn 124	Lead Me to Calvary
Hymn 118	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Hymn 113	The Old Rugged Cross
Scripture Reading	<i>Philippians 2:5-11</i>
Hymn 125	Jesus Paid It All
Message	How Important Is the Cross?
<i>The Lord's Supper</i>	
Hymn 127	Hallelujah, What a Savior

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday

Sunday School, 9am
Morning Worship, 10:15am
Evening Worship, 6pm

Wednesday

Bible Study, 7pm

Wednesday School Year Programs

Youth Alive (Teens 7th-12th Grade), 7pm
Kids 4 Truth (K4-6th Grade), 6:45pm
Sonshine Kids (2-3yr), 7pm

Friday

RU Recovery Program, 7pm
Nursery is available for all weekly services

Why did Jesus die?

The Bible tells us that Jesus' death was no accident. He was not the victim of circumstances beyond His control. Rather, Jesus intentionally laid down His life. As He said in John 10:17-18, "...I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father." In each of the gospels, we read that Jesus went back into Jerusalem on purpose, knowing that He would die there. In Mark 10:32-34, Jesus tells his disciples, "Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles: And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again."

He died to be our substitute.

All of us have sinned against God. *Sin* is simply breaking God's law (1 John 3:4). It includes anything we do, say, or even think; it even includes things we *should have done* but didn't. Because God is holy and just, He must punish sin. Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death..." But God is also infinitely loving and gracious. In His great love, He sent Jesus to die as our substitute. When Jesus died on the cross, God punished Him for our sins. Jesus willingly took that punishment so that we can experience God's mercy and grace. Isaiah 53:5 says, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." 2 Corinthians 5:21 explains that Jesus took our sin, so that we could have His righteousness in exchange: "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

He died because He loves us.

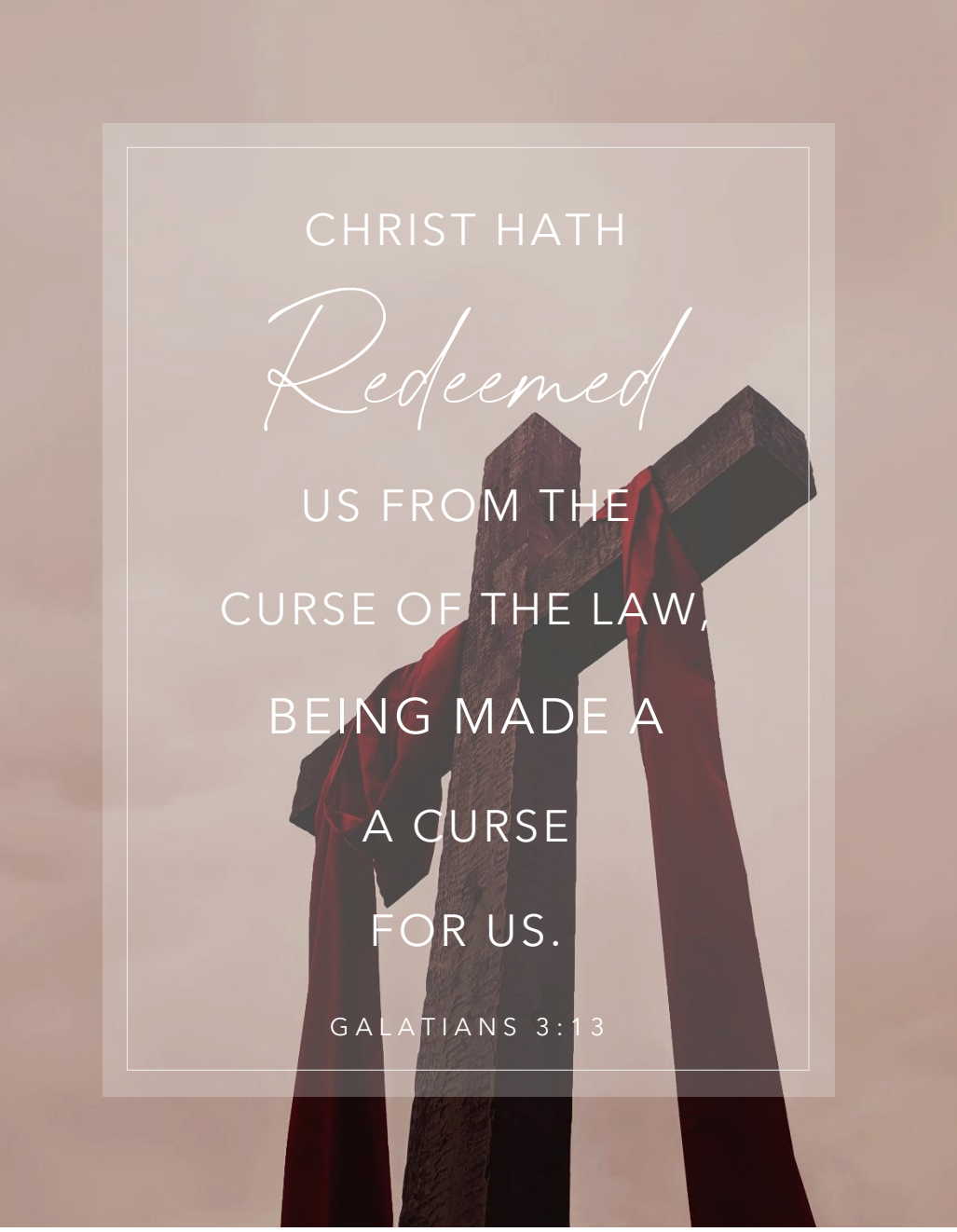
It wasn't the nails that held Jesus to the cross; it was His love for us. Romans 5:8 says, "But God commendeth (shows) his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Why would Jesus be our substitute and take the wrath that we deserve? Why would the King of Kings willingly lay down His life? Why would the Author of Life submit to death? Because God loves us with a love greater than we could possibly comprehend.

He died to make a way for us to be saved.

Our sin has cut us off from fellowship with God. Isaiah 59:2 says, "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you..." In the Old Testament, the entrance to the Most Holy Place in the temple was blocked by a thick curtain. Only the High Priest was allowed to enter, and only once per year. When Jesus died, that curtain in the temple was ripped in half from top to bottom (Matthew 27:51), signifying that the way to God is open to all through Jesus. The Bible teaches that Jesus is the only way to a relationship with God. First Timothy 2:5 states, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus..." In John 14:6, Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Why did Jesus die? He died because His sacrifice for us is our *only hope* of salvation and everlasting life. And death itself couldn't defeat Him—He came back to life! He offers every person the gift of salvation freely, simply by trusting in Him alone. John 3:16 puts it simply: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
- Adapted from Love Worth Finding

SERMON NOTES

Lined area for sermon notes.



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Redeemed
US FROM THE
CURSE OF THE LAW,
BEING MADE A
A CURSE
FOR US.
GALATIANS 3:13