

SUMMARY NOTES:

What Happened on the CROSS?

A. INTRODUCTION

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- A. YOU CAN BE A CASUAL OBSERVER OF THE CROSS, LOOKING AT TWO PIECES OF WOOD JOINED AT 90 DEGREES, AND TOTALLY MISS THE POINT OF ALL THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WHAT WAS TAKING PLACE ON THAT DAY OUTSIDE JERUSALEM;
- B. YOU CAN WEAR THE SYMBOL OF A CROSS ON A NECKLACE OR AS EARRINGS, AND YET IT DOES NOT NECESSARILY PENETRATE AND CHANGE YOUR HEART AND MIND;
- C. YOU COULD WALK AROUND THE CROSS FOR DAYS, WEEKS AND MONTHS ON END, LOOKING AT IT FROM EVERY ANGLE AND CONTEMPLATING ALL OF ITS MEANING AND APPLICATIONS, AND YET STILL NEVER GET TO THE LIMIT OF ALL ITS MEANINGS AND SIGNIFICANCE.

B. Key scriptures:

John 19:30... “AFTER THIS, JESUS, ^(A)KNOWING THAT ALL THINGS HAD ALREADY BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, ^(B)TO FULFILL THE SCRIPTURE, SAID, “^(C)I AM THIRSTY.” ²A JAR FULL OF SOUR WINE WAS STANDING THERE; SO ^(D)THEY PUT A SPONGE FULL OF THE SOUR WINE UPON A BRANCH OF HYSSOP AND BROUGHT IT UP TO HIS MOUTH. ³⁰THEREFORE WHEN JESUS HAD RECEIVED THE SOUR WINE, HE SAID, “^(E)IT IS FINISHED!” AND HE BOWED HIS HEAD AND ^(E)GAVE UP HIS SPIRIT.”

Col 2:13-15... ¹³WHEN YOU WERE ^(A)DEAD IN YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS AND THE UNCIRCUMCISION OF YOUR FLESH, HE ^(B)MADE YOU ALIVE TOGETHER WITH HIM, HAVING FORGIVEN US ALL OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, ¹⁴HAVING CANCELED OUT ^(C)THE CERTIFICATE OF DEBT CONSISTING OF DECREES AGAINST US, WHICH WAS HOSTILE TO US; AND ^(D)HE HAS TAKEN IT OUT OF THE WAY, HAVING NAILED IT TO THE CROSS. ¹⁵WHEN HE HAD ^(E)DISARMED THE ^(E)RULERS AND AUTHORITIES, HE ^(G)MADE A PUBLIC DISPLAY OF THEM, HAVING ^(H)TRIUMPHED OVER THEM THROUGH HIM.

Col 2:15 (The Message)... “THINK OF IT! ALL SINS FORGIVEN, THE SLATE WIPED CLEAN, THAT OLD ARREST WARRANT CANCELED AND NAILED TO CHRIST’S CROSS. HE STRIPPED ALL THE SPIRITUAL TYRANTS IN THE UNIVERSE OF THEIR sham authority AT THE CROSS AND marched them naked through the streets.”

Heb 10:12-13... “BUT HE, HAVING OFFERED ONE SACRIFICE ^(A)FOR SINS ^(B)FOR ALL TIME, ^(C)SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, ¹³WAITING FROM THAT TIME ONWARD ^(D)UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.”

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C. What happened on the Cross?

1. FULL & FINAL PAYMENT

...ROMANS 8:1-4

...HEBREWS 10:1-18

- A. IMAGINE SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN PAYING OFF THE DEBT OF A BOND OVER A 20- YEAR PERIOD (CHILDREN HAVE GONE FROM SMALL TO BIG; FASHIONS HAVE CHANGED; CARS HAVE CHANGED; STYLES HAVE CHANGED; BODY SHAPES HAVE CHANGED)
- B. THIS IS WHAT THE KEEPING OF THE LAW WAS LIKE – RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH GOVERNED EVERY AREA OF LIFE, AND WHICH NEEDED TO BE OBSERVED CONSISTENTLY. THE LAW WAS COMPLEX, INTRICATE AND GOVERNING OVER PEOPLE’S LIVES.
- C. THE DEATH OF JESUS AS THE UNBLEMISHED LAMB OF GOD WAS THE FULL AND FINAL PAYMENT THAT ONCE AND FOR ALL ENDED THE LAW AND ALL ITS REQUIREMENTS, SO THAT WE MAY LIVE IN THE BOUNTIFUL FREEDOM OF GRACE, TOTALLY SET FREE FROM THE RESTRAINTS AND REGULATIONS OF THE LAW, AND THE BONDAGE OF SIN.... THIS IS AWESOME!

2. EVERY DIVIDING WALL OF PARTITION WAS DEMOLISHED

a. Scriptures:

- **Eph 2:11-18...** “¹¹THEREFORE REMEMBER THAT ^(A)FORMERLY ^(B)YOU, THE GENTILES IN THE FLESH, WHO ARE CALLED “^(C)UNCIRCUMCISION” BY THE SO-CALLED “^(D)CIRCUMCISION,” WHICH IS PERFORMED IN THE FLESH BY HUMAN HANDS-- ¹²REMEMBER THAT YOU WERE AT THAT TIME SEPARATE FROM CHRIST, ^(E)EXCLUDED FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF ISRAEL, AND STRANGERS TO ^(F)THE COVENANTS OF PROMISE, HAVING ^(G)NO HOPE AND ^(H)WITHOUT GOD IN THE WORLD. ¹³BUT NOW IN ^(I)CHRIST JESUS YOU WHO ^(J)FORMERLY

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WERE (K) FAR OFF HAVE (L) BEEN BROUGHT NEAR (M) BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST. ¹⁴FOR HE HIMSELF IS (N) OUR PEACE, (O) WHO MADE BOTH GROUPS INTO ONE AND BROKE DOWN THE BARRIER OF THE DIVIDING WALL, ¹⁵BY (P) ABOLISHING IN HIS FLESH THE ENMITY, WHICH IS (Q) THE LAW OF COMMANDMENTS CONTAINED IN ORDINANCES, SO THAT IN HIMSELF HE MIGHT (R) MAKE THE TWO INTO (S) ONE NEW MAN, THUS ESTABLISHING (T) PEACE, ¹⁶AND MIGHT (U) RECONCILE THEM BOTH IN (V) ONE BODY TO GOD THROUGH THE CROSS, BY IT HAVING (W) PUT TO DEATH THE ENMITY. ¹⁷AND (X) HE CAME AND PREACHED (Y) PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE (Z) FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE (AA) NEAR; ¹⁸FOR THROUGH HIM WE BOTH HAVE (AB) OUR ACCESS IN (AC) ONE SPIRIT TO (AD) THE FATHER.”

- **Galatians 3:28...** “THERE IS NEITHER JEW NOR GREEK, THERE IS NEITHER SLAVE NOR FREE MAN, THERE IS NEITHER MALE NOR FEMALE; FOR (B) YOU ARE ALL ONE IN (C) CHRIST JESUS.”
- B. THE TERM “**homogenous**” SHOULD NEVER BE APPLICABLE TO THE CHURCH
- I. “HOMOGENOUS” = FORMED OF UNIFORM PARTS; OF THE SAME NATURE; SIMILAR.
 - II. THIS IS THE ANTITHESIS OF THE CHURCH WHICH REPRESENTS AND FULFILS THE COMPLETED WORK OF THE CROSS.
- C. IN THE FALLEN HUMAN CONDITION, PEOPLE LIKE TO BE EXCLUSIVE, CONSIDER THEMSELVES BETTER, AND TO DEFINE THEMSELVES ACCORDING TO RACE, WEALTH, CLASS, EDUCATION, SPORTING PROWESS ETC, AND TO SPEND TIME WITH PEOPLE WHO FIT INTO THE SAME MAN-MADE CATEGORY AS THEMSELVES.
- D. THE WORK OF THE CROSS HAS BROKEN DOWN, DESTROYED AND DEMOLISHED EVERY SINGLE DIVISIVE WALL THAT CAN BE CONSTRUCTED BY HUMANS... EVERY WALL... UTTERLY DESTROYED.
- E. THE BODY OF CHRIST SHOULD THEREFORE LOOK LIKE A “HODGE-PODGE” OF PEOPLE – A REAL MIXED BAG, AT THE EXCLUSION OF NOBODY...
- I. SEE EPH 3:10... “SO THAT THE MANIFOLD WISDOM OF GOD MIGHT NOW BE MADE KNOWN THROUGH THE CHURCH TO THE RULERS AND THE AUTHORITIES IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES.”
 - II. “MANIFOLD” IS DERIVED FROM A GREEK ROOT (POIETES) THAT MEANS “MOTLEY – VARIOUS IN CHARACTER”

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3. REVOLUTION!

...EPH 1:22-23; HEB 2:5-8

A. NOT ONLY IS THE GOSPEL MESSAGE REVOLUTIONARY BY NATURE...

I. THE GREAT REVERSAL

II. THE BIG TURNAROUND

III. ...BONDAGE → FREEDOM; FEAR → CONFIDENCE; SICKNESS → HEALTH; CAPTIVES → RELEASED ETC...

B. OUR RESPONSE TO THE CROSS SHOULD BE REVOLUTIONARY – IE WE ARE OUT TO CHANGE THE WORLD

I. THE KINGDOM (GOVERNMENT) OF GOD IS AT HAND... MATT 4:17; 10:7; 11:12

II. AN UTTER COMMITMENT TO THE OVERTHROW AND REPLACEMENT OF AN ILLEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT THAT UNLAWFULLY GOVERNS, CORRUPTS AND DESTROYS PEOPLE'S LIVES (EPH 2:1-2)

III. HEB 10:12-13 REVEALS THAT JESUS IS WAITING UNTIL HIS ENEMIES HAVE BEEN FIRMLY PLACED UNDER HIS FEET (IE UNDER HIS RULE AND DOMINION) – THIS FINAL OVERTHROW AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD WILL HAPPEN THROUGH HIS BODY, THE CHURCH.

....EG HAVING A LAW THAT SAYS THAT YOU CANNOT SPEAK ON A CELL PHONE WHILST DRIVING IS NOT ENOUGH – IT NEEDS TO BE ENFORCED

IV. **This is why our involvement in all realms of society (education, justice, medicine, science, child-minding, technology etc) is vital – to bring the rule, character and dominion of God into all spheres.**

V. **It is also why Vukukhanye and its related projects are an expression of the vision of WCF, but also of the work of the cross! We need to enforce the victory gains of the cross. It will not just fall out of the sky!**

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