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“They...searched the scriptures daily...” –Acts 17:11

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LET them **PRAISE THE NAME**

OF THE *Lord,*

For **HE COMMANDED,**

And they were Created.

- Psalm 148:5

The elements of our worship, as prescribed by God’s word, are as follows:

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD’S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



**COME WORSHIP
WITH US!**

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES.....7:00

- www.defendthegospel.com
- 1st Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5th Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
- Men’s Business Meeting. 1st Sunday night of each month Following Services.

THE OTHER TWO CROSSES

Kevin Maxey

We often, and rightfully so, reflect on the one eternally significant cross of Calvary. However, Jesus did not die alone. God placed two other crosses beside Jesus that day.

“There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left” (Luke 23:33-34).

Why were there two other crosses? Their presence was important enough to fulfill a prophecy written by Isaiah hundreds of years earlier. “With Him they also crucified two robbers . . . so the Scripture was fulfilled which says, ‘And He was numbered with the transgressors’” (Mark 15:27-28; Isa. 53:12). Imagine what these two criminals witnessed and experienced as they were crucified alongside the innocent Son of God. Take some time to contemplate the purpose and significance of the two other crosses.

The two other crosses were opposite of Christ

They robbed others to make themselves rich, while Jesus became poor to make us rich (2 Cor. 8:9). They went about doing bad, while Jesus went about doing good (Acts 10:38). They were disobedient to the law, while Jesus was perfectly obedient to the law (Matt. 5:17). They reviled when others reviled them, but Jesus, “who when he was reviled, did not revile in return” (1 Pet. 2:23). They were guilty of their crimes, while Jesus was innocent, “who committed no sin” (1 Pet. 2:22). They were deserving of death, while Jesus was not (Luke 23:15).

The two other crosses were opposite of each other

They literally hung on opposite sides of Jesus: One was on the right and one was on the left (Luke 23:34). They gave opposite reactions to Jesus: One was hardened in sin and one was softened in repentance (Luke 23:42). They died in opposite conditions: One died lost and one died saved. They went to opposite destinations: One went to torment and one went to paradise (Luke 23:43).

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THE OTHER TWO CROSSES *(Continued)*

On one cross, a man died *IN* sin

On this cross a man blasphemed Christ. “One of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, ‘If you are the Christ, save Yourself and us’” (Luke 23:39). On this cross a man did not believe that Jesus was the Christ. He said, “If you are the Christ...” (Luke 23:39). On this cross a man only wanted to escape the consequences of sin. “Save yourself and us” (Luke 23:39). On this cross a man did not fear God. The other robber asked him, “Do you not even fear God?” (Luke 23:40). On this cross a man refused to admit guilt. On this cross a man died lost. God placed this cross beside Jesus so we can learn the dangers of dying in sin.

On one cross, a man died *TO* sin

On this cross a man defended Christ. He “rebuked” the other thief for his words of blasphemy (Luke 23:40). On this cross a man feared God. On this cross a man confessed his own guilt. “For we receive the due reward of our deeds” (Luke 23:41). On this cross a man had faith. He spoke in faith concerning the “Lord” and his coming “kingdom” (Luke 23:42). On this cross a man pleaded for salvation. “Remember me” (Luke 23:42). On this cross a man died saved. “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43). Even a convicted criminal can find forgiveness in Christ. Following the death of the testator, Jesus, enacted the beginning of His new covenant, which began on Pentecost (Heb. 9:16-17). From that day forward, all men everywhere are commanded, “repent, and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins” (Acts 2:38; 17:30). God placed this cross next to Jesus so we can learn the blessings of dying to sin.

On one cross, a man died *FOR* sin

On this cross the Son of God died for our sins. “Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows... He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed” (Isa. 53:4-5). On this cross the Son of God died to reconcile. “By Him to reconcile all things to Himself” (Col. 1:20; Eph. 2:16). On this cross the Son of God died to forgive. “He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross” (Col. 2:14). On this cross the Son of God died to cleanse, redeem and save. “Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith” (Heb. 12:2). On this cross Jesus died that we might live through Him (John 10:10-11). On this cross Jesus died that we might live for Him (2 Cor. 5:15). On this cross Jesus died that we might live with Him (1 Thess. 5:9-10).

Conclusion

Will you, like the stubborn thief, die *IN* sin? Or, will you, like the penitent thief, die *TO* sin? Find salvation in the cross of Jesus. Confess your faith in Christ and die to sin as you are buried with Christ in the waters of baptism (Rom. 6:3-4). —
via <http://www.springhillchristians.com/Lessons.php>

THREE CROSSES

Helen Fanzee Bower

Three crosses on a lonely hill, a thief on either side.

And, in between, the Son of God... How wide the gulf – how wide!

Yet one thief spanned it with the words, “Oh, Lord, remember me”

The other scoffed and turned aside to lost eternity.

Forsaken is the hilltop now, and all the crosses gone,

But in believing hearts of men the center cross lives on.

And still, as when these sentinels first met earth’s wondering view,

The presence of the Lord divides – upon which side are you?

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DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Glenn Isbell
Reading: Proverbs 18:13-18
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord’s Table:
 - Lead.....Kenny Todd
 - Serve.....Michael Pickford
 - Serve.....John Nelson
- Closing Prayer.....Jason Hubbard

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord’s Table.....Michael Pickford

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Invitation.....Kenny Todd

Thank You For Serving!

GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16;
Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!

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