



**The Cross**  
**Romans 5:6-8**

From time to time we each need to take a close look at the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. Jesus was just \_\_\_\_\_ years old when he decided to take up a cross and die. He was in the \_\_\_\_\_ of life, doing so much \_\_\_\_\_. He had everything to \_\_\_\_\_ for! Jesus was not given a cross and He didn't \_\_\_\_\_ it, but He took it up! He \_\_\_\_\_ it! (Mark 14:34-36). The commitment that Jesus made to \_\_\_\_\_ crucifixion was permanent; there was no turning back (John 10:17-18). Jesus willingly laid down His life to atone for the \_\_\_\_\_ that you and I have committed, because He genuinely \_\_\_\_\_ us (John 15:13).

What \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to die on His cross? One thing is sure: He put the \_\_\_\_\_ needs of everyone else before His own \_\_\_\_\_ needs. His death is the most \_\_\_\_\_ act of all time. The Lord Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ to suffer that horrible death because of His love for His \_\_\_\_\_ in Heaven (John 14:31). The Father required a blood \_\_\_\_\_ to atone for sin (Hebrews 10:4). Only the sacrifice of the \_\_\_\_\_ Son of God could atone for your sins and mine. We must thank God and thank Christ Jesus for His willingness to \_\_\_\_\_ in our stead. The prophet Isaiah, more than 700 years before Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_ this sacrifice (Isaiah 53:5-6). We can enjoy an \_\_\_\_\_ life here on earth and an \_\_\_\_\_ life in Heaven, because of the sacrifice of Jesus, who bore the punishment that was due to us, so that we might have \_\_\_\_\_ and a life with God. Jesus was willing to be \_\_\_\_\_ to His Father, so He could open a way for salvation. Hebrews 5:7-9 presents a marvelous \_\_\_\_\_ of this obedience and how \_\_\_\_\_ it was for Jesus. It wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus to obey His Father, but He obeyed out of \_\_\_\_\_. The Lord Jesus bore the cross because of His utter love for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Romans 5:6-8 \_\_\_\_\_ us as helpless, as ungodly, and sinners. We are helpless in the sense that we're \_\_\_\_\_ incapable of reaching salvation and eternal life without Jesus Christ. We were once ungodly; we \_\_\_\_\_ God out of our lives and neglected to do His \_\_\_\_\_; and when we \_\_\_\_\_ His commandments, we sinned against Him. Sin is a \_\_\_\_\_ thing with God. We don't merely break God's commandments; we violate our \_\_\_\_\_ with Him (Isaiah 59:1-2). Sin is \_\_\_\_\_ offensive to God; all sin—your sin, and my sin. In spite of the offense of sin, the Lord loved us and wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ a relationship with us, that is to make \_\_\_\_\_ with us again. Reconciliation means that God no longer \_\_\_\_\_ our transgressions against us (2 Corinthians 5:19). It means that our offense toward God is



\_\_\_\_\_ so that we can maintain a loving and close relationship with our God. And this is made \_\_\_\_\_ through the blood of Jesus Christ, sacrificed on the cross. I can still hear the words of the Lord Jesus while they were crucifying Him, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). The Lord's salvation for us makes a marvelous \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives. The Lord removes our \_\_\_\_\_ sins, so that God no longer holds them against us; but the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ that we're human and imperfect. He knows that we continue to sin, even when we don't want to. Even as Christians we all live with the nagging \_\_\_\_\_ of sin. For this reason the Lord constantly \_\_\_\_\_ us and pleads our case for us and for our salvation before the Father. First John deals with the \_\_\_\_\_ imperfections and God's provisions (1 John 1:7-10). People who \_\_\_\_\_ in the light still \_\_\_\_\_ the blood of Jesus to cleanse them from sin. Walking in the light is not perfectly \_\_\_\_\_ behavior. No one can \_\_\_\_\_ a perfectly sinless life. If a Christian says that they do not have sin, they \_\_\_\_\_ themselves and the \_\_\_\_\_ isn't in them. In fact, they make Christ a \_\_\_\_\_ and aren't listening to His Word. What Christians must do when they sin is \_\_\_\_\_ their sins to God and \_\_\_\_\_ of them. Read 1 John 2:1-2. The word propitiation refers to a \_\_\_\_\_ that atones for our sins, so that we may have \_\_\_\_\_ and a relationship with God our Father. Jesus bore the \_\_\_\_\_ that we should have endured so that we might be redeemed and reconciled to God. Jesus serves as an \_\_\_\_\_ for us every single day. We need a righteous advocate, a defender \_\_\_\_\_ to our side to assist us as we approach God (1 Timothy 2:3-6). Jesus, the Righteous sacrifice for our sins, is also interceding with the Father for you, \_\_\_\_\_ for the continued forgiveness of your sins (Hebrews 7:25). Read Luke 22:31-34. When you have sinned against God, \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus prays for you too! He loves you enough to \_\_\_\_\_ the Father to \_\_\_\_\_ you and to \_\_\_\_\_ you in His grace and favor. The Lord has made an amazing commitment to your \_\_\_\_\_ that includes the cross but it goes \_\_\_\_\_ beyond it. The Lord will stick with you \_\_\_\_\_ the way. A person walking in the light \_\_\_\_\_ sin and stays with the Lord. But a person walking in darkness \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord and lives for himself. When he does that he \_\_\_\_\_ his fellowship with God and the ongoing hope that he has in Christ.

Jesus on the cross \_\_\_\_\_ us how to \_\_\_\_\_ in God (1 Peter 2:21-24). Jesus suffered the \_\_\_\_\_ man could throw at Him on the cross. Cruel men \_\_\_\_\_ the cross to give the maximum punishment before death. Jesus was taken by \_\_\_\_\_ and bound as a



common criminal in the Garden of Gethsemane. They falsely \_\_\_\_\_ Him and wrongly tried Him. The High Priest and members of the Sanhedrin Council determined to put Him to death \_\_\_\_\_ the trial ever took place. Their witnesses were \_\_\_\_\_ and their evidence was manufactured. Ultimately, they falsely accused Him of blasphemy for acknowledging that He was the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. The Jews generally put people to death for blasphemy by \_\_\_\_\_ them, but the Jews sought to do \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus. They sought for the Romans to \_\_\_\_\_ Him. They took Him before \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for condemnation. Pilate wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ Him, saying four times that he found no fault in Jesus that was \_\_\_\_\_ of death. Jesus endured the mocking and beating of the soldiers, yet \_\_\_\_\_ for the Father to forgive them. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the nails driven through His hands and feet, the gambling over his clothes, and the cruel taunts of the Jewish leaders as He hung between heaven and earth. During all this suffering, Jesus never once \_\_\_\_\_ with His lips. He didn't revile or speak \_\_\_\_\_ to those who mocked Him. He didn't \_\_\_\_\_ those who did violence to Him. The Bible says that He "kept \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to Him who judges righteously" (1 Peter 2:23). He kept putting Himself into the Father's \_\_\_\_\_. Even with His last \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus said, "Father into Your hands, I commit My spirit" (Luke 23:46, a quotation from Psalm 31:5).

At the hardest moments of our lives, we too must \_\_\_\_\_ to commit ourselves into the hands of the Father (1 Peter 4:19). The cross was exceptionally painful and incredibly humiliating, but Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ it patiently and lovingly. He was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the cross through His willingness to put Himself into the hands of His Father. He died to \_\_\_\_\_ up a way for us to live with God forever. May God be \_\_\_\_\_.

The Lord Jesus challenges us to \_\_\_\_\_ up our cross daily and \_\_\_\_\_ Him (Matthew 10:38). The Lord has a cross for you and for me; and if we are to be \_\_\_\_\_ to wear His name and follow Him, we too must take up our cross. How do we take up our cross? Read Romans 6:3-7. When we place our \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ of our sins, \_\_\_\_\_ His name, and are \_\_\_\_\_ into Christ, we're baptized into His \_\_\_\_\_. The Lord shed His \_\_\_\_\_ in His death and the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ His blood to cleanse us from sin when we're baptized into the death of Christ. At that time the old man of \_\_\_\_\_ is crucified with Him. Throughout life we \_\_\_\_\_ to carry our cross by \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord Jesus.