

"Guilt-Free!"

I'll cherish the "Old Rugged Cross"

Because of who died there:	God's Son
Because of what happened there:	Sacrifice
Because of why it all happened:	Love
Because of how it changed my life:	Salvation

The Mystery of the Cross:

It was necessary: no other way
It was sufficient: nothing else is needed
It was universal: no one is excluded
It was personal: I am included

The four directions of forgiveness:

Forgiveness from God:	Guilt
Forgiveness of myself:	Shame
Forgiveness of others:	Bitterness
Forgiveness of God:	Doubt

Three lies of a sinner:

I'm too much of a sinner
I'm not much of a sinner
I'm just a sinner

To be any kind of a sinner means...

I am completely guilty
I am deserving of condemnation
I am facing an eternal consequence

As a sinner I need forgiveness from God

Christ died at just the right time
Christ died even though we were powerless
Christ died for the ungodly
Christ died because of God's love
Christ died in our place

What does it mean to be crucified with Christ?

Because Jesus was crucified for me
I am now completely guilt-free of all my sins!

Romans 5:6-8

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
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Galatians 2:20-21

20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

Romans 6:5-14

5 If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin- 7 because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. 13 Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. 14 For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

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