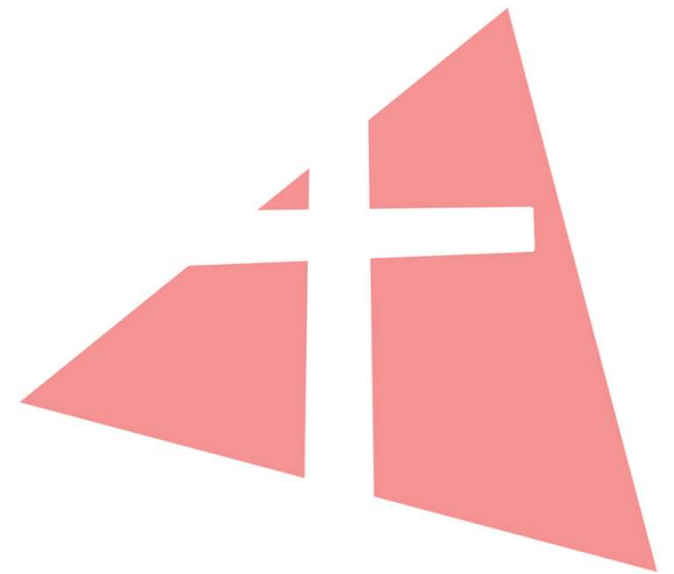


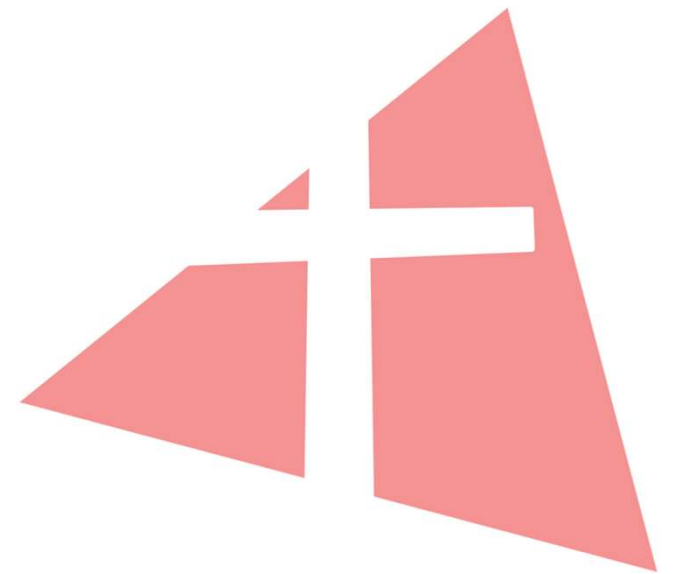
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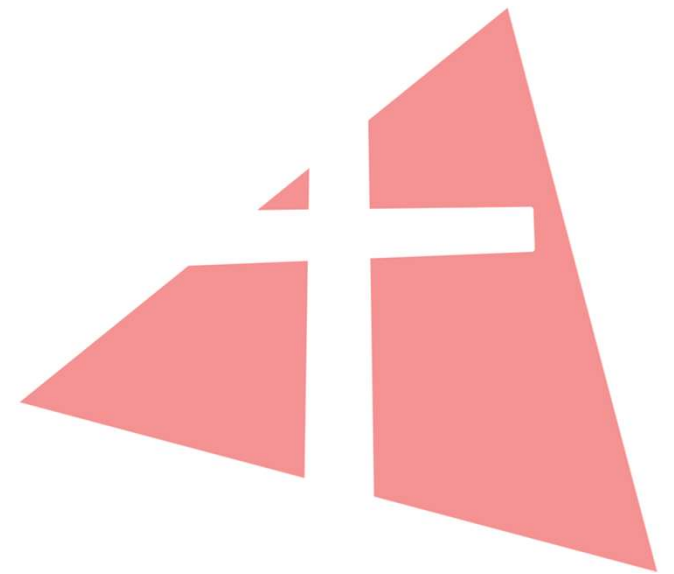
Last Week

- God is Holy, God Forgives



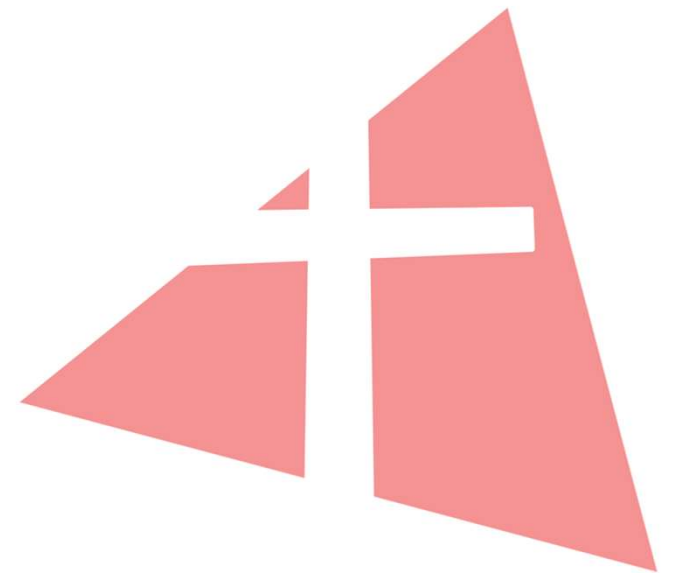
Today's Focus

- **The Cross: The greatest revelation of God**



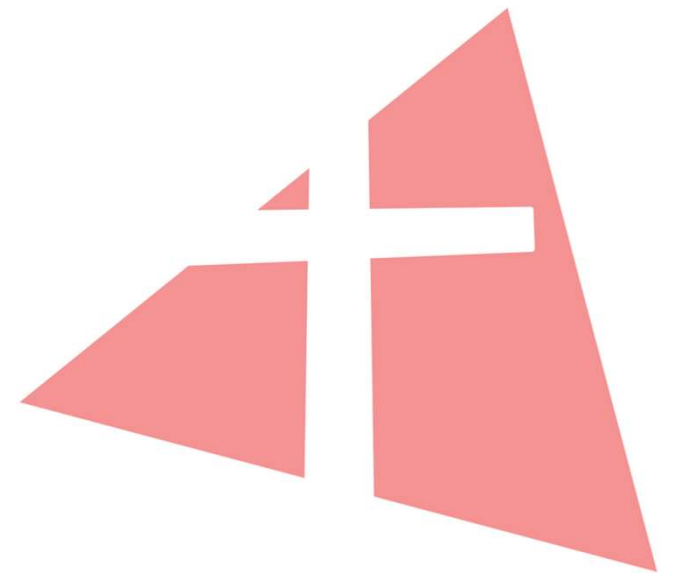
One more Foundation

- We'll look at God the Father as well as Jesus



God's Love

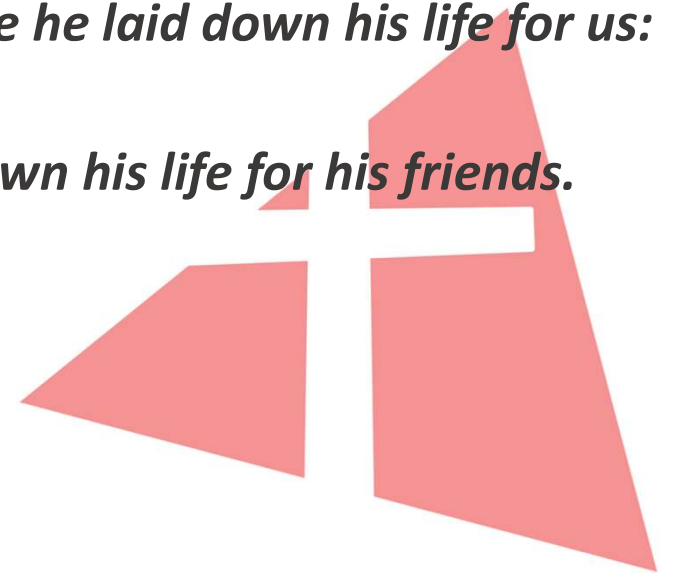
- **The cross shows how far God is willing to go to rescue us**
 - The suffering of Jesus
 - The agony of the Father



God's Love

1 John 3:16 (KJ2000) By this perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

John 15:13 Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.



God's Compassion

Matthew 14:14 (KJ2000) And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

Matthew 20:34 (KJ2000) So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

Mark 5:19 (KJ2000) But Jesus permitted him not, but said unto him, Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and has had compassion on you.



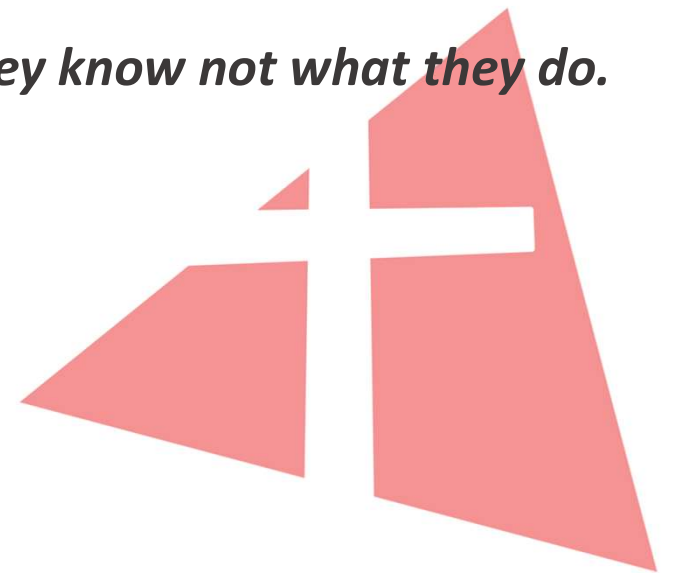
God's Compassion

- **σπλαγχνίζομαι splanchnízomai, splangkh-nid'-zom-ahee**
- **middle voice from G4698; to have the bowels yearn, i.e. (figuratively) feel sympathy, to pity:—have (be moved with) compassion.**



God's Compassion

Luke 23:34 (KJ2000) Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his clothing, and cast lots.



God's Holiness

Matthew 27:46 (KJ2000) And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?



God's Wrath

Romans 9:22 (KJ2000) What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

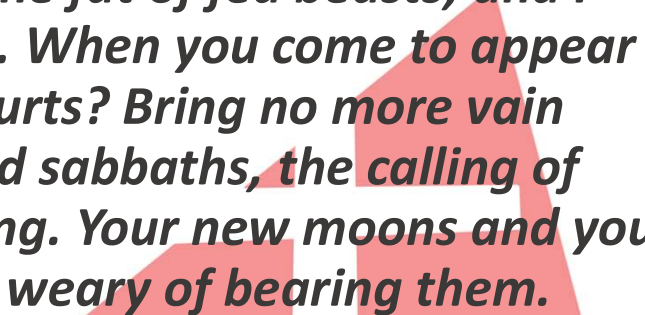
Romans 12:19 (KJ2000) Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.

Ephesians 2:3 (KJ2000) Among whom also we all had our behavior in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.



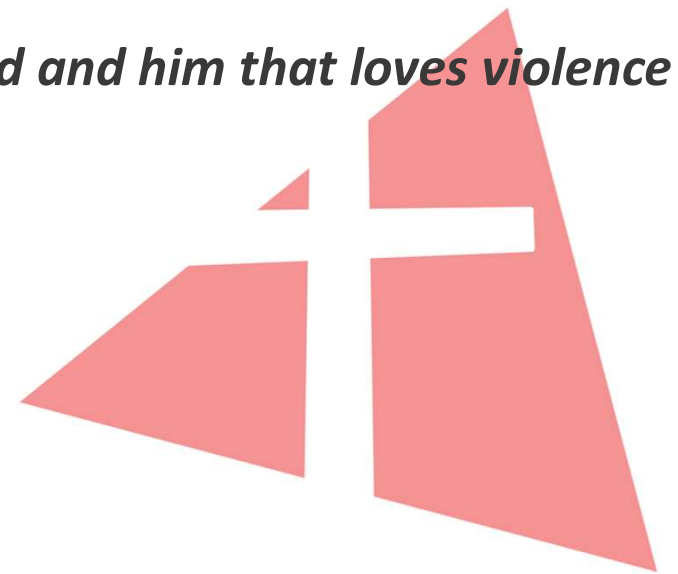
God's Hatred of Sin

Isaiah 1:10-14 (KJ2000) Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? says the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of male goats. When you come to appear before me, who has required this at your hand, to trample my courts? Bring no more vain offerings; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot endure; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary of bearing them.



God's Hatred of Sin

Psalm 11:5 (KJ2000) The LORD tests the righteous: but the wicked and him that loves violence his soul hates.



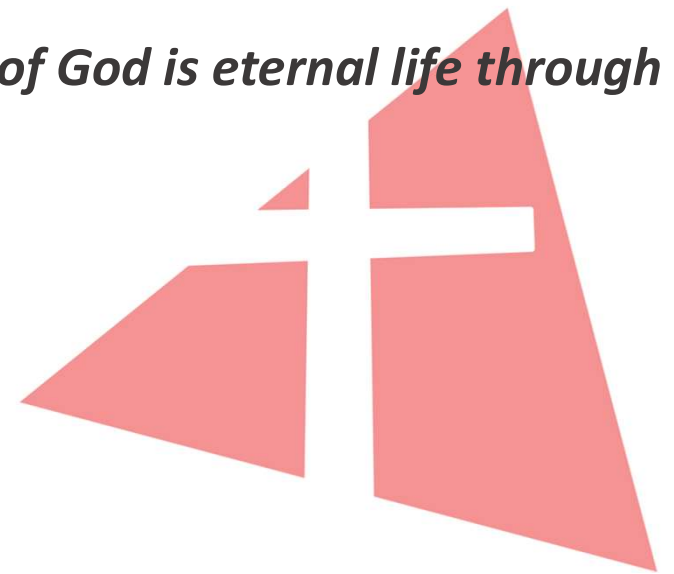
God's Forgiveness

Isaiah 53:5 (KJ2000) 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.



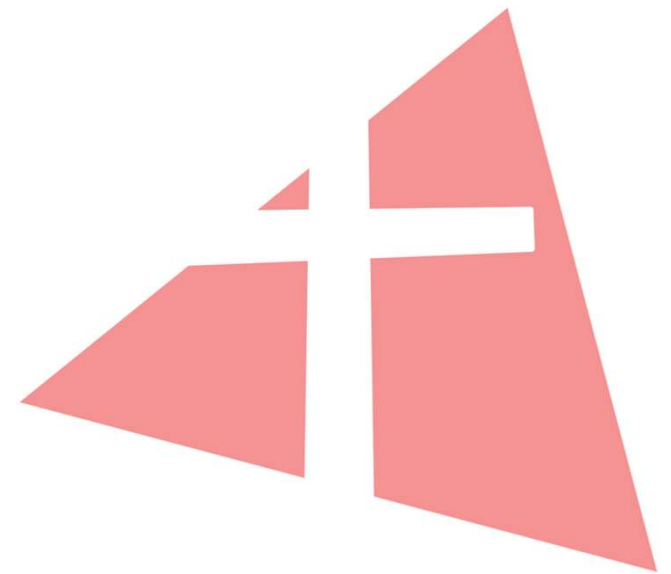
God's Justice

Romans 6:23 (KJ2000) For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



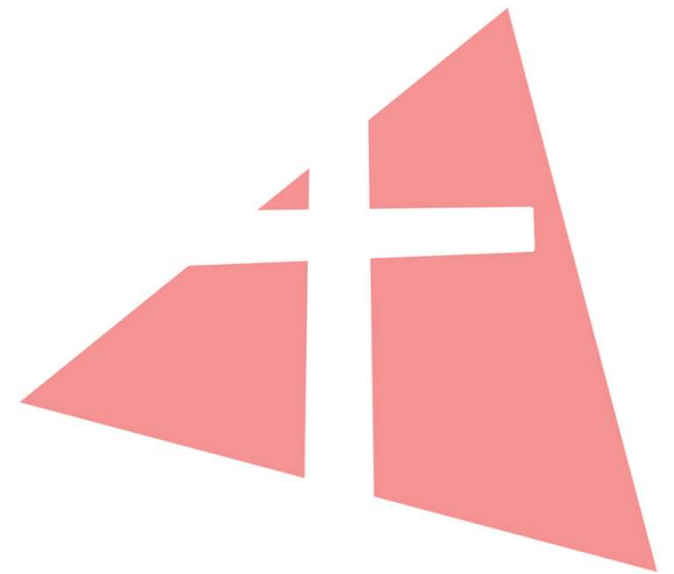
The Cross

- **Every aspect of the cross shows an aspect of “Who God is”**
 - Emotions
 - Motives & Reasons
 - Words
 - Actions
 - ...



How to understand the Cross better

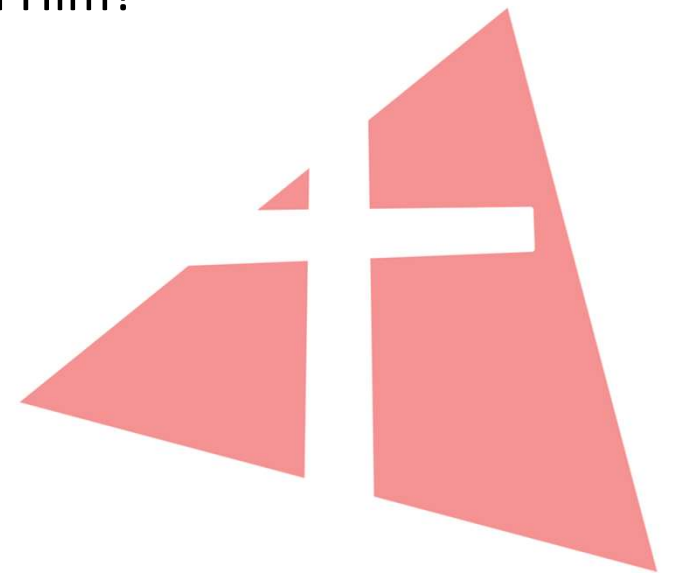
- **Let's put ourselves in the shoes of God the Father**
 - Why did He decide to “come up” with the cross?
 - Why did He allow Jesus to go to the cross?
 - How did He feel when Jesus was suffering?
 - ...



How to understand the Cross better

○ Let's put ourselves in the shoes of Jesus

- How must He have felt as a teenager, knowing what awaited Him?
- How must He have felt whenever He saw people sin?
- How did Jesus feel at Gethsemane?
- What do His words and actions say about Him?
- ...



In Conclusion

- **Putting ourselves into the role of God the Father and Jesus during the crucifixion will give us one of the clearest revelations of “Who God is”**
 - Emotions
 - Motives
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