



PHILIPPIANS

BASICS FOR BELIEVERS

Lesson Two:

Focus on the Cross (Part 2)

Philippians 1:27 – 2:18

(emphasis on 2:5-11)

Outline for Lesson Two (Focus on the Cross)

Philippians 2:5-11. What Does the Cross Achieve?

Five Perspectives on the Cross:

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What does the cross look like to God?

To answer this question, we need to have a biblical understanding of:

- Propitiation and Expiation
- God's Wrath


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Next week

Christ's Perspective on the Cross

Hebrews:

- 5:8–9
- 10:7
- 10:9-10
- 12:2-3
- 4:15

John:

- 4:34
- 5:19
- 5:30
- 6:38
- 8:28-29
- 10:17-18
- 12:49-50
- 14:31
- 15:10

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*One of the great and neglected themes about what the cross means to the Son is the **obedience of the Son** ... Thus the cross for Jesus was not only the means by which He sacrificed Himself, the just for the unjust, to bring us to God (1 Peter 3:18), it was also the **high point of His unqualified obedience to His heavenly Father.***

Satan's Perspective on the Cross

Defeat!

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Revelation 12:9-12 (ESV)

*And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world – he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹**And they have conquered [overcame] him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.** ¹²Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”*

Satan's Perspective on the Cross

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*When we approach God in prayer, our plea is not that we have been good day or that we have just come from a Christian meeting full of praise or that we try harder, but that **Christ has died for us**. And against that plea, Satan has no riposte [or, retort or counter-attack].*

*For the truth of the matter is that **the cross marks Satan's defeat**, and he knows it. This is what the cross means to him.*

Sin's Perspective on the Cross

What did the cross achieve with respect to sin?

1. Sin as **debt** → the cross is the means in which the debt is paid
2. Sin as **stain** → the cross removes the dirt/stain
3. Sin as **offense before God** → the cross expiates our sin – it's cancelled
and removed

Our Perspective on the Cross

How do you view the cross?

- High-water mark of the demonstration of **God's love for His people**
- Symbol of our **shame** (and of our **freedom**)
- Ultimate measure of how serious our **guilt** is
(and the comforting assurance that our guilt has been dealt with)
- Justification, sanctification, gift of the Spirit, dawning of the kingdom
- Supreme standard of our **behavior**
(1 Peter; also Phil. 2:5 – *Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus*)

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1. God's Perspective **Propitiation; unites God's love and holiness/justice**
2. Christ's Perspective **Obedience to the Father**
3. Satan's Perspective **Defeat!**
4. Sin's Perspective **Debt paid; sin expiated**
5. Our Perspective **God's love; standard of our behavior**

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