



COVENANT Bible-Presbyterian Church

**Good Friday Gospel Meeting
Order of Worship – 14 April 2017**

The LORD Hath Laid on Him the Iniquity of Us All

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

38 - *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

*Invocation

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53:3-9

Hymn

128 - *Hallelujah! What a Saviour!*

Choir Presentation

"Beneath the Cross"

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 15:21-39

Hymn

390 - *Jesus Paid It All*

Sermon

"The Cry from the Cross" ~ Pastor Ron Nugent

*Closing Hymn

137 - *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*Benediction

Postlude

**Congregation standing*

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Why Did Jesus Come to Die?

There are many reasons why Jesus came to die on the cross. But here are 5 reasons.

1. Jesus Died to Give Sinners Eternal Life

Humankind is doomed. The Bible says that we are sinners (Romans 6:23) and the punishment for sins is eternal death (Romans 3:23).

But there is a way out. Sinners just need to believe in Jesus.

John 3:16 says, *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

2. Jesus Died to Bring Us to God

Why is the penalty for sin eternal death? Because sin makes us God's enemy. God is pure and holy - and no one who sins can be reckoned guiltless.

Ezekiel 18:20 says, *"The soul that sinneth, it shall die..."* Because we have all sinned, there is no way that we can be reconciled to God unless that relationship were to be restored.

Christ does the restoration. He took all the sins of man. And by so doing restored us to God.

1 Peter 3:18 says, *"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit."*

3. Jesus Died to Appease God

The reason why we can be reconciled to God is because Christ's death appeases God's justice against sinners.

Because we sin, God is judicially angry with us. Christ died, so that justice might be satisfied.

1 John 4:10 says, *"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved*

us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation (substitute) for our sins."

Christ became a substitute - to obey everything that God ever commanded of man, and to be the object of God's justice for sins committed.

Because of this, man is at peace with God.

4. Jesus Died to Bring Peace Between People

All people are sinners. And because they are sinners, they will sin against each other.

That is why there's suspicion, prejudice, and hatred between people. That's why there's discrimination, racism, and conflict.

But because Jesus brings sinners to God, he brings those sinners to one another. Christians recognize their sins and sinfulness. They see themselves as forgiven sinners. And that draws them to other forgiven sinners.

Ephesians 2:14 says, *"For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us."*

That is why differences in race, status, nationality, etc. should never divide the people of God.

5. Jesus Died to Remove Condemnation

Jesus died - those that believe in him are brought to God, at peace with him and each other, and have eternal life.

This result of his death is lasting. There is no condemnation for those who trust in him.

While Christians are not perfect, they are no longer condemned by God.

Romans 8:1 - *"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."* ~ Pastor