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“Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.”

1 PETER 1:2 (KJV)

Message of the Cross – 1. Introduction. The cross is the centre focus of our message. Without it, our message has lost savor. The centre focus of the cross itself is Divine exchange: the Saint became the Sinner so that the Sinner might become Saint. The cross signifies death to flesh, crucifixion of the old man. It also signifies commitment of our Lord Jesus Christ to His message, **“I’ve come to seek and to save the lost.”** Since, without the shedding of the Blood, there can be no remission of sin. Jesus laid down His own life to pay the ultimate sacrifice for what He believed and preached.

The cross gives a picture of the only bridge through which a sinner on expressway to hell can cross to a heavenward path. Jesus said, **“I am the way, and the truth and the life, No one comes to the Father except through me.”** For this to manifest, He needed to pay the supreme price of going to die publicly on the cross to conquer Satan, the root of sin and to disgrace the devil publicly, **Colossians 2:15**. This was necessary for Him just so He might draw men (women and children) irrespective of religion, colour, stature and extent to which they’ve sinned or gone with the devil. **Isaiah 1:18**. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day for our justification, **Romans 4:25**.

Message of the Cross. Luke 23:32-43

1. **Jesus Looks Up:** Picture Jesus on the cross as you read above scripture in the book of **Luke**. As He was about to die, He looked up to see the Father but, for the first time, because He was already carrying your sin and my sin upon Himself on the cross, the Father turned His face away from His Son, Jesus. Then, the Father through the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ could look unto

the sinful man who repents and believe in the finished work on the cross at Calvary as Saint!

Jesus cried out loud, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? Which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” **Matthew 27:46**. The Bible says the eyes of God are too pure to behold iniquity. (*I cannot find this in the Bible: Anthony.*) At this point, Jesus was carrying upon Himself, the sin of the world that has separated man from his God. The wall of partition between man and his God broke down like the wall of Jericho to give man access to God through Christ. Even the veil separating the Holy from the Holy of Holies gave way so man can have free access to the Throne of Grace without the blood of sheep, ram etc. through the once and permanent atonement by the sinless, pure and precious Blood of Jesus.

I Peter 1:18-19, Revelation 5:9. (CONTINUES...)

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