



## The Crux of the Matter

Sunday, March 20, 2022 AVBC 10:30 am

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he (Jesus) explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." (Luke 24:27,44)

**THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF CHRISTIANITY IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ !**

-I Corinthians 1: 17-18, 22-24 and Colossians 2:13-15

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. (Galatians 6:14)

### Q: Why do most people not sense the need for a Saviour?

**1. Jesus is simply \_\_\_\_\_ in the hub-bub and pressures of life.**

The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. (Matthew 13:22)

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ are failing to tell the lost about Jesus.**

...Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. (Romans 10:13,14,17)

Everyone needs a \_\_\_\_\_ !

**3. Most people have a messed up understanding of what it takes to be**

\_\_\_\_\_.

Justification by \_\_\_\_\_

We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood...God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he declares sinners to be right in his sight when they believe in Jesus. (Romans 3:22-24, 25a.26b) (NLT)

X Justification by \_\_\_\_\_ works.

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### Q: Why the Cross?

- A broken \_\_\_\_\_ must be restored.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ must be paid.
- A bondage must be \_\_\_\_\_.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ must be punished.

### DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: What was your favourite subject in school? Favourite book as a child?

Q2: What are some of your favourite bible events? Characters? Why?

Q3: Pastor David mentioned three reasons why people do not sense the need for Jesus as Saviour. Can you think of any other reasons?

Q4: Study Colossians 2:11-15. List the many things that Christ accomplished on the cross. Which one means the most to you? Why?

Q5: Pastor David listed four biblical pictures of sin. Which one stands out to you as the most prevalent in society? Which one impacts your walk with the Lord most?

Q6: Read Romans 5:6-11. What stands out to you from this passage regarding the work of Christ on the cross and the impact it has on us now and into eternity?

Q7: What is your favourite Easter song or hymn? Why is it important to you?