



## Boast In The Cross

Sunday April 24, 2022

Alta Vista Baptist Church



*“As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world’s interest in me has also died.” - Galatians 6:14*

What are you most proud of?



### 1) The CRUX of Christianity is the CROSS

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.” – Romans 3:23-26

### 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christianity is the

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“Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin

once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.” – Romans 6:8-11  
(John 10:10, Acts 2:24, Romans 5:8-10, 1 Corinthians 15:17)

### 3) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christianity is the

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“Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes...If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”  
– Romans 10:4, 9-11 (1 Peter 1:3-9)



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

**Q1:** What are you most proud of?

**Q2:** In what possessions, gifts, or opportunities are you tempted to boast about your life? How does the message of the cross change your perspective?

**Q3:** Read Galatians 6:12-18. According to this passage, what are the marks of a Cross-centred life?

**Q4:** Read the passages referenced in point #2. How do these verses compel you to change how you live your life?

**Q5:** Read 1 Peter 1:3-9. We have a “New Hope” through the resurrection of Jesus! What are you most looking forward to in eternity?

**Q6:** What is one thing in our “Why the Cross” series that God has taught you or reminded you of?

**Q7:** Take a moment to thank God for your salvation. Ask Him to give you opportunities to share the gospel of Jesus with others.