

“Jesus – The Son, The Sacrifice” – Karl Jones

Intro: What would you do to save the life of someone you loved? For most of us, the answer is – Anything! We would do or give anything to save the ones we love.

Romans 5:6-10 – nothing more clearly declares God’s love for all of us than does Jesus – the Son of God and the ultimate sacrifice for our salvation. The Cross of Jesus:

- Powerfully declares the _____ of _____.
- Powerfully demonstrates the _____ of _____ for every human.
- Fully _____ and _____ with God.

I. The Son, The Sacrifice – The Plan of God.

1. God’s great love for every human prompted Him to conceive a _____ to redeem and save each of us, restoring spiritual life in us. (Acts 2:22-24)
2. God’s plan is amazingly _____.
 - A.) Jesus would take _____ in bearing the punishment of sin. (1 Peter 2:23-25)
 - B.) For us to receive the benefits we simply must _____ in Jesus and be _____ with Christ. (Romans 6:3-5, Gal. 3:26-27)
 - C.) Why so simple? Because God wants _____ to be _____!

II. The Son, The Sacrifice – The Joy of Christ. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

1. The joy of the Cross is the _____ it brings over sin and death.
 - A.) _____ bring _____ and the greater the _____, the greater the _____!
2. The joy of a _____ - _____!
 - A.) In the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15), _____ could have brought more joy to the _____ of the _____ than his lost son coming home! Our heavenly Father feels the same joy when anyone turns back to Him!
 - B.) In Jesus and His Cross there is grace, mercy, and forgiveness. And wherever there is grace, mercy, and forgiveness, _____!
3. The joy of _____ freely given.
 - A.) No one is more rich than the one who lives in the _____ and _____ of God and with the hope of heaven! (Eph. 1:18-19)

III. The Son, the Sacrifice – The Power of God’s Holy Spirit in Us.

1. When one is baptized into Christ, God gives the gift of His Holy Spirit to _____, _____, and _____ us.
2. In regard to sinful behavior, the world says, “Don’t fight it! Celebrate it and embrace it.” But for we who claim to follow the Son and His sacrifice for sin, we _____ excuse, embrace, or celebrate the very thing that put Jesus on the Cross – _____!
3. To live without the Son and His sacrifice is to live without _____, _____, or the _____ of eternal life. This is **NOT** how God wants anyone to live. . . or die!