

The Death of Christ

1. It was foretold by God (Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 22:16; Dan 9:26; Zech 12:10; 13:7).
Isaiah 53:4 ¶ Surely he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

2. It was appointed by God (Isaiah 53:6,10,11; Acts 2:23; 1Peter 1:20; Rev 13:8).
Acts 2:23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, you have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

3. It was a propitiation (a payment which satisfies) (Isaiah 53:10,11; Rom 3:25; 1John 2:2; 4:10).
Rom 3:25 Whom God has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

4. It was a substitution (John 10:11; 1Peter 2:21-24; 3:18; Dan 9:26; Isaiah 53:5-12; 1Cor 15:3; 2Cor 5:21; Gal 3:13).
1Peter 3:18 ¶ For Christ also has 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:

5. It was a redemption (1Peter 1:18; Gal 3:13).
1Pet 3:18 Forasmuch as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

6. It was voluntary (John 10:17,18).
John 10:17 Therefore does my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18 No man takes it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

7. It was a reconciliation (Rom 5:10; 1Tim 2:5).
Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

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8. It was for the whole world (Jn 1:7; 3:16; 7:37; 12:32; 2Cor 5:14; 1Tim 2:4,6; 4:10; 2Peter 3:9; Heb 2:9; 1John 2:2; Rev 22:17).

1John 2:2 *And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.*

9. It is the only basis for God's forgiveness (Eph 1:7; Gal 2:21; Jn 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1Jn 5:12; 1Tim 2:5).

Mt 26:39 *And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as you will.*

10. It shows God's hatred for sin (Gen 2:17; Eze 18:4; Rom 6:23; 2Cor 5:21; Hab 1:13; Heb 1:9; Matt 5:29,30).

Rom 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

11. It shows God's love for sinners (Jn 3:16; Rom 5:8; 1Tim 1:15).

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

12. It shows the sinfulness of man and how fruitless man's efforts are to save himself (Rom 3:9-19; Isa 64:6; Jer 17:9; Psalm 39:5; Matt 7:11; Eph 2:8,9; Rom 4:4,5; 11:6; Titus 3:5).

Eph 2:8 *For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

13. It shows how deserving of judgment is anyone who rejects such a Savior (Jn 8:24; 3:36; Matt 7:23; 13:47-50; 2Thes 1:7-9; Heb 2:3; 10:29; Rev 20:14,15).

Heb 2:2 *For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; 3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;*

14. It shows how willing believers should be to be used of God to lead others to the Savior (Romans 1:14; 12:1,2; Acts 1:8; Matt 4:19; 2Cor 5:18-20).

Rom 1:14 *I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. 15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are at Rome also. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*