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THE CROSS

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CHRIST OUR SAVIOR

Meaning in our Symbols

- have many in our homes and lives
- marking significant moments or achievements
- meaning in the world around us
 - ring – symbol of vows and marriage

Four Symbols in our crest as a denomination

- today the cross
- clear what it represents as a pillar

Christ our Savior



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1. We are in Need of Saving

a) wrath of God against sin

- Gen. 2:17 disobey and ..‘you shall surely die’
- Gen 3:14-19 – consequences & the curse – death

- Romans 1:18-20 “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.”

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b) we are guilty – deserving of God's wrath

- love the comparison or better than perspective
 - clear – all humankind stand guilty
 - Rom. 5:12 *“Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned”*
 - Rom. 3:23 *“For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”*
- * Clear we are guilty, and cannot undo our situation ourselves**

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2. Scripture reveals God as a Savior

- many attributes of God shown, Savior of his people one

a) OT Clear

- instances of God saving and effecting His redemption

- Isaiah over and over shows only God able

- 43:11 *"I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior."*

- see also 45:21, 49:26, 62:11

***God active in redeeming, revealed as a savior**

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b) N.T.

- speaks clearly of Savior 24 times
 - 8 times general God saving
 - 16 times Jesus as God's son being our savior
 - Matt. 1:21 *"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."*
 - Luke 2:11 *"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."*
 - check our Simeon praying in Luke 2:29-30
- *Clearly reveals Jesus as coming to be a Savior**

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3. Jesus is Our Savior

a) God come down

-Phil. 2:5-8 “Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

b) Motivated by Love for Us

- John 3:16-17 *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”*

- Rom. 5:8-9 *“but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.”*

c) Jesus Died in My Place

- not guilty – without sin, willingly, took my sin
- 2 Cor. 5:21 *“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”*
- 1 Tim. 2:4-6 *“who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.”*

d) Payment Accepted

- empty tomb, risen, ruling and reigning, returning
- Rom. 6:9-12 *“We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”*

e) Jesus is the Only Savior

- culturally the most offensive truth
- Acts 4:12 *“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”*
- John 14:6 *“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*
- see also 1 Tim. 2:5-6

f) You need to respond to this personally

- God has no grandchildren
- Rom. 10:9-13 “because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”



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So What?

1. This is a truth we are accountable to.
 - Heb. 9:27 – will stand and give account
2. Respond to the Salvation provided for you
3. Be Reminded – gives you new life, perspective
4. Recover the Value of the Symbol
 - Christ – our Savior