

Dimensions of the *Cross*





We live in a sick and broken world,
Full of sick and broken people

Genesis 1:28

Genesis 3

Their relationship to one another became
sick and broken.

Their relationship with God became
sick and broken.

Their bodies became sick and broken and death
became their destiny.

Creation became sick and broken.

Genesis 4 – Murder

Genesis 5 – Death

Genesis 6 – Noah's Flood

Genesis 11 – Pride and Division

It was our sin that infected and broke
God's good creation and it's our sin
that does so today.

² My servant grew up in the Lord's presence like a tender green shoot, like a root in dry ground. There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him. ³ He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care. ⁴ Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! ⁵ But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. ⁶ All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all. (Isaiah 53:2-6 NLT)

¹⁶ “...Many demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. He cast out the evil spirits with a simple command, and he healed all the sick. ¹⁷ This fulfilled the word of the Lord through the prophet Isaiah, who said, ‘He took our sicknesses and removed our diseases.’” (Matthew 8:16-17 NLT)

The Cross
Heals Our
Relationship
With God

¹⁹ For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ,
²⁰ and through him God reconciled everything to himself.
He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by
means of Christ's blood on the cross.²¹ This includes you
who were once far away from God. You were his enemies,
separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. ²²

Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the
death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has
brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and
blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

(Colossians 1:19-22 NLT)



“the Lord God
stationed mighty
cherubim to the east
of the Garden of Eden.
And he placed a
flaming sword that
flashed back and forth
to guard the way to
the tree of life.”
(Genesis 3:24 NLT)

The Cross
Heals Our
Relationship
With Others

¹⁴ If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead. ¹⁵ Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them. ¹⁶ We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So, we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. (1 John 3:14-16 NLT)

The Cross Heals Our Bodies

¹⁰ And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. ¹¹ The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

(Romans 8:10-11 NLT)

¹⁴ Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. (James 5:14-15 NLT)

⁴² Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. ⁴³ Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength.

⁴⁴ They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies.

(1 Corinthians 15:42-44 NLT)

The Cross
Heals All
of Creation

Romans 8:18-24

...he was pierced for our rebellion,
crushed for our sins. He was beaten
so we could be whole. He was
whipped so we could be healed.

(Isaiah 53:5 NLT)