

DUAL PURPOSE OF THE CROSS

ONE EVENT ACCOMPLISHED TWO THINGS

“Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation”

~ *Romans 15:20*

1. How We Preach Jesus

- a. Not everyone teaches Jesus the same way: Jews, Muslims, Oneness, Mormons
- b. There was more than one way to preach Jesus in Bible times – 2 Cor 11:4
- c. There are other ways to teach Jesus that are Biblical – 2 Cor 5:16
- d. Paul preaches Jesus according to a revealed mystery – Rom 16:25
- e. There are two ways to preach the cross: according to prophecy / mystery

2. The Cross in the Red Letters

- a. Prophecy: The death was for the New Testament, the resurrection was for a sign
- b. Jesus declared his resurrection in the temple as a sign – John 2:19-22, 20:8-9
- c. It was not preached as a gospel – Luke 9:1-6 vs. Luke 18:31-34
- d. Jesus taught it privately, first only to his disciples - Matthew 16:20-21
- e. The timing of these things was unknown before – 1 Pet 1:11-12
- f. His disciples alone were privy to the secrets of the kingdom – Mat 13:10-11
- g. They would not understand the benefits of the cross until after his death.

3. Peter Preaches at Pentecost

- a. Pentecost: Death was a shame, resurrection was for the spirit and kingdom
- b. Peter preaches the death as a murder indictment – Acts 2:23
- c. The promise to David was for an eternal throne – Psa 16:10, Psa 89:2-4
- d. His resurrection as the Son of David who sits on the throne – Acts 2:29-33
- e. See it again in Acts 3:13-15, resurrection is proof of kingdom salvation – 3:19-21
- f. They would receive the benefits of the cross in a covenant fulfilled in the future

4. Paul's Preaching of the Cross

- a. Mystery: death for your crucifixion, resurrection for free justification
- b. Our old man crucified by his death - Romans 6:6-8, Gal 2:20
- c. Separated from our old man, raised to a new life not under the law – Col 2:10-13
- d. Our resurrected (quicken) life is with Christ in heavenly places – Col 3:1
- e. Resurrection for our justification(righteousness) - Romans 3:24, 4:25, 2 Cor 5:21
- f. Jesus was raised from the dead according to Paul's gospel – 2 Tim 2:8
- g. We have the benefits of the cross given to us freely by his grace. Rom 3:24, 5:15