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"THE FATHER'S VIEW OF THE CROSS" John Greene, Senior Pastor

ROMANS 3:25-31 (NASB)

TRUTH: The center of Christianity is the Cross of Christ.

REALITY: People are being swept into eternity at a breath-taking rate, old and young.

TRUTH: The pathway to peace with a holy God is the Cross of Jesus Christ.

I. THE CROSS DECLARES THE JUSTICE OF GOD ON SIN.

Understand this, Beloved: when Christ died on the Cross, He paid a ransom.

TRUTH: It is God who has been offended by our sin and His Law violated.

TRUTH: All sin calls for eternal death in hell, and Jesus Christ offers the sacrifice that satisfies the justice of God.

TRUTH: Ultimately, Christ dying to save men is primarily for the glory of God, the honor of God and the exaltation of God (Romans 1:5; 3 John 7).

TRUTH: Any man or woman who is saved, is saved not because they were worthy but because of the mercy and grace of the Almighty reaching down to lift up the undeserving (1 Corinthians 15; John 17).

INSIGHT: Salvation is all about the glory of God, not us.

II. THE CROSS SETTLED GOD'S JUSTICE (Romans 3:24).

TRUTH: Christ died at Calvary to demonstrate the righteousness of God, the justice of God on the cumulative sin of mankind (Acts 17:30; Psalm 78:38; Micah 7).

TRUTH: It is the death of Christ on the Cross that points to the righteousness and justice of God...someone must die.

TRUTH: God is so merciful that He forgives, but so holy that His Son must pay for the Father's mercy to sinners.

III. THE CROSS SHOWS THE GRACE OF GOD (Romans 3:27-28).

TRUTH: Salvation is all of grace, and our work adds nothing to it.

TRUTH: The grace of God in salvation is in Christ bearing the payment for your sin. Grace means all you can do to be saved is receive and believe on the work of Christ.

IV. THE CROSS REVEALS THE CONSISTENCY OF GOD (Romans 3:28-29).

TRUTH: God will save all men by faith through grace. God saves the same way through human history.

V. THE CROSS CONFIRMS THE LAW OF GOD.

TRUTH: Sin activates the justice of God, and His wrath either falls on you or it falls on Christ.