



# MESSAGE NOTES

## The Meaning of The Cross

Romans 3:23-24

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### 1. You are forgiven

The first thing the cross means for us is that we are completely forgiven. All of our failures and mistakes are forgiven by God and we are made new through Jesus' death on the cross.

***Romans 3:23-24 All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.***

***2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.***

### 2. You are loved

The second thing the cross means for us is that we are completely loved. God loves you more than you could ever think or imagine. The strength of this love is displayed for us through the cross.

***John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.***

***1 John 3:1 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!***

### 3. There's nothing God wouldn't do for you

Finally, the cross shows us that there's nothing God wouldn't do for us. God has already sacrificed the most precious thing for you. There's no way He's not going to take care of all of your other needs as well.

***Romans 8:32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?***

***Matthew 7:9-11 Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!***