

# Road to the Cross

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# Intro

Old testament – Points to the Jesus Christ and the event of the Cross

Gospels – tell us how it happened

Epistles - Interpret the event of the Cross  
(What does it mean for us?)

# The fall of man – The introduction of sin

Gen 3:22-23

And the LORD God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.” So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

# The law was given

- For Israel's benefit
- "That sin might be recognized as sin" –  
Rom7:13

## The Law

- “was weak through the flesh” - Rom8:3
- “is spiritual but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin” – Rom7:14
- So the law is perfect, but “weak” in the fact that it made no provision for the sinful nature.
- We cannot be justified by the law.

# **Jesus teaches and explains the law**

Matthew 5 - 7

Sermon on the mount

# The Cross

Romans 8:3,4

For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit

# The Cross

Colossians 2:14, 15

having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.



# The Cross

Heb 10:14

For by one sacrifice he has made perfect  
forever those who are being made holy

# Spirit of adoption

Romans 8:13-15

For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "*Abba, Father.*"

# Build up the Spirit man

We look well after our own bodies which will become dust. What about our spirits?

Jude 20

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit

# Build up the Spirit man

Matthew 4:4

But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’ ”

“Do this in remembrance  
of Me.”