

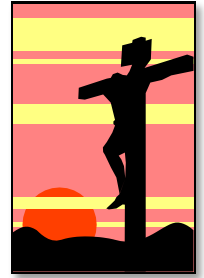
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*We love Him,
because He
first loved us.*

- 1 John 4:19 -

Christ's Crucifixion and the Resurrection



Christianity is unique in that it teaches that our divine Creator came to this earth and lived as one of His own created beings. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). Jesus said, "He who has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). He was in fact, Emmanuel, "God with us" (Matthew 1:23).

But even more amazing than that is the fact that our Creator chose to suffer terribly and die a cruel painful death by crucifixion in order to save those He had created (Romans 5:8; Philippians 2:8). Because all had sinned against God (Romans 3:10; 23), and the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23)—eternal separation from God—man was condemned to an eternity in Hell and could do nothing about it (Matthew 25:41, 46; Revelation 20:15).

"For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh" (Romans 8:3). "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21). "Christ suffered for us" (1 Peter 2:21). "He Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree [cross], that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness" (1 Peter 2:24). "Christ suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit" (1 Pet 3:18).

But, having died in our place, Jesus did not remain in the tomb. God loosed the pains of death and resurrected Him on the third day—the Lord's Day. Peter proclaimed: "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses" (Acts 2:24; 32). God's mighty power was at work in Christ "when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 1:19-20), where He now reigns as KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS (Revelation 19:11-16).

Christ's resurrection gives us our hope and is at the heart of our Christian faith. "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!" (1 Corinthians 15:17). But praise God that "He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification" (Romans 4:15). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

*"The Word was made flesh, and
dwelt among us, (and we beheld
His glory, the glory as of the only
begotten of the Father), full of
grace and truth...For the law was
given by Moses, but grace and
truth came by Jesus Christ."*

- John 1:14, 17 -

Visits to Our Web Page

This Week: 2,038

This Month: 4,296



"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

- Acts 16:30 -

Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17

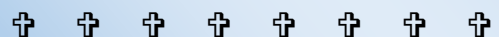
Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31
Heb 11:6

Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30

Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37;
Rom 10:8-10

Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;
1 Pet 3:21

Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; Rev 2:10



*"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no
other name under heaven given among men by
which we must be saved."*

- Acts 4:12 -



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Billie Jo (Pat Miller's daughter) - recently hospitalized after suffering a nervous breakdown
- Corona Pandemic - its effect and overall impact on our lives, the nation and the world
- Diane Cote - kidney disease; various health concerns
- Randy Cote - family problems
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho (Cathy's nephew) - permanently disabled and in need of prayer
- Bill Ferrigno (friend of Terry S) - recently diagnosed with lymphatic cancer
- Sandy Gagnon - health concerns
- Glenda's aunts in California:
 - Beverly - pacemaker & hip replacement
 - Mary Lou - kidney failure; now on dialysis
 - Sandra - recent shoulder surgery
- Erik Grabowski - painful tennis elbow
- Janice Grabowski - large growth on left side of her neck causing pain; also lost her job due to the covid-19 virus
- Connie Henderson - recently diagnosed with a fast-growing ovarian cancer; she will undergo 3 rounds of chemotherapy over the next 12 weeks (the first treatment last Monday went well); this will most likely be followed by major surgery
- Terry Kennedy - healing well from recent right knee replacement surgery
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Debbie McGarey (mother-in-law of Terry & Betty's daughter, Becky) - stage 4 throat cancer
- Pat Miller - being treated for diverticulitis
- George Nick - family issues & concerns
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy - at the Gosnell House in Scarborough in severe pain; pain meds being administered intravenously; prayers are needed
- Wayne Sampson - recovering from surgery on right shoulder; severe bursitis hip pain; also experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks
- Please pray for our nation - (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place

"Pray without ceasing." — 1 Thessalonians 5:17

News & Notes:

- ⇒ Brother Paul Bullock will be at the building on Sunday morning at 10:30 for those few who may desire to worship and partake of the Lord's Supper there.
- ⇒ Taking the Lord's Supper at home is fairly easy. All you need is your Bible, Matzo's (unleavened bread—which can be purchased at the grocery store), and 100% grape juice. If you desire to make your own communion bread, you may contact Betty for the recipe.
- ⇒ Those worshipping at home can view this week's sermon **"The Three Crosses"** by going to our web page at: www.southernmainecofc.com/ Click on "Sermons." There are also other sermons available for you to view.
- ⇒ Sacred Selections, our song book, can be viewed at this website: <https://hymnary.org/hymnal/SS4C1956> All songs may not be available for viewing, but many are.
- ⇒ For the contribution, you can "lay by in store" (1 Cor 16:2) each week that which you have "purposed in your heart" to give (2 Cor 9:7) and keep it till we resume meeting again. Or, you could mail it to our church treasurer, Wayne Sampson.
- ⇒ The Kittery church is providing a streaming video for their Sunday service. Just go to their website at: <https://kitterycoc.com/>
- ⇒ Other congregations may be doing something similar. Just check their web pages to find out.

The Peace of Those Who Trust in God

I sought the LORD and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD camps around those who fear Him, and delivers them.

— Psalm 34:4-7