

**Introduction:** The cross is central to our Christian faith and it is imperative we meditate upon its significance and great power...

***I. Consider the cross from God's Perspective Romans 3:25-26***

***A. It was God's plan and work***

***B. It was propitiation...I John 2:2; Romans 3:25, 26; I John 4:10***

*An effective covering for our sin that satisfied the wrath and judgment of God...*

***C. God made a powerful statement about His character...***

***II. Consider the Cross in Light of Our Great Need... Galatians 2:20***

***A. It was substitution...I Corinthians 15:3; Romans 4:25***

***B. Christ died instead of us...***

***III. Consider the Cross as Your Only Boast... Galatians 6:14***

***A. Man is given to pride and inclined to boast...***

***B. Paul Might have boasted...***

1. In his past achievements in the world...
2. In his Christian life and ministry...

***C. He Boasted in the cross because it was...***

1. Redemption... remember who he was...

*Ephesians 1:7; 1 Timothy 2:6; 1 Peter 1:18-19*

2. Remission...

*Matthew 26:28; 1 John 2:12; Colossians 2:13; Hebrews 9:23-26*

*Our sins are gone... Psalm 103:12; Isaiah 38:17; 43:25; Micah 7:19*

3. The power of a new life... *Galatians 6:14; I John 1:7*

**Application:**