***Mighty is the power, and beauty, of the Cross***

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**Text**: Colossians 1:13-24

***Introduction***

“The primary symbol of Christianity has always been the cross. The death of Jesus for our sins is at the heart of the gospel, the good news.”

-Timothy Keller

Colossians 1:13-24

***The cross is an awful idea… nobody likes it.***

The cross is a challenging idea to be sure…

The world doesn’t like it!

I Corinthians 1:17, 18

The Jews didn’t like it!

John 2:19

The disciples didn’t like it!

Matthew 16:21-23

Jesus didn’t like it!

***The cross was necessary… otherwise God wouldn’t have done it.***

The world was broken and it needed fixing… someone had to pay the cost.

Genesis 2:15-17…

What is the point of the tree?

John 1:12, God wanted Sons and Daughters

Genesis 3:21

Forgiveness demands a price and because relationship is what is being repaired relationship dictates the cost…

15:12-15…

Hebrews 9:22) that without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin…

The cross is the price demanded for redemption

***For Christianity it’s the cross plus nothing… the cross is enough.***

Galatians 1:6-7, Galatians 2:15-16, Galatians 3:1-3

***Conclusion***

Ephesians 2:1 - 10,

The beauty of the cross is that Christ has paid the price… the whole price…

What are the next steps?

1. Have you accepted Christ? Maybe that’s the next step…
   1. Do you believe? Repent? Confess? Baptism?
2. Maybe you’re living in a place of self-condemnation because you think you just can’t be good enough… if we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness… his once for all sacrifice is enough…
3. Maybe you need to remember the price paid for you, and I want to invite you to do that now as we take the Lord’s supper together…