

## **PAX ROMANA**

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### *What the Death of Christ Means to Me!*

#### **Romans 5.6-11**

*You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

*Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

Romans 5.6-11 (NIV)

#### **Christ's Death Displays my Human Nature:**

A) **WEAK**

- without strength, powerless, unable to solve the issue

B) **UNGODLY**

- unlike God in our nature

C) **SINFUL**

- While we were still sinners

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2 Corinthians 5.17-18 (CEV)

#### **God DID NOT Leave us the way we were:**

#### **The Story of Human Nature:**

*Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone' . . . Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them.*

Jesus—Matthew 21.33-46 (NIV)

#### **God chooses the Death of to Christ Save Me:**

*"He does not save us by his life; He does not save us by his teaching; He does not save us by his example . . . In order to save us he had to die for us."*

Martyn Lloyd Jones

#### **His Death is bigger than my JUST my Sin:**

A) A New **CREATION**

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B) A New **HEART**

*And I will give you <sup>l</sup>a new heart, and <sup>l</sup>a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

Ezekiel 36.26 (ESV)

C) A New **MIND**

*Spiritually alive, we have access to everything God's Spirit is doing, and can't be judged by unspiritual critics. Isaiah's question, "Is there anyone around who knows God's Spirit, anyone who knows what he is doing?" has been answered: Christ knows, and we have Christ's Spirit.*

1 Corinthians 2.15-16 (MESSAGE)