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**LIFE MAKES SENSE WHEN WE
UNDERSTAND THE CROSS**

Luke 6:27-49

- I. It is at the cross ... we see God's love demonstrated ... toward His enemies. (6:27-36)

- II. It is at the cross ... we see God's mercy given ... toward those who deserve His judgment leading to death. (6:37-42)

- III. It is at the cross ... our hearts are transformed so that we produce the fruit of obedience. (6:43-45)
 - A. Our fruit (actions and words) reflect the condition of our heart.
 - B. We must 'examine our heart' to make sure that we are in a healthy relationship with Jesus.

- IV. It is at the cross ... we discover the foundation to build our life upon. (6:46-49)
 - A. Our words must correlate with our actions.
 - B. The floods will come ... the torrents will strike.
 - C. The end result (standing strong or complete destruction) will be determined by the foundation we have built our life upon.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship

*Hymn No. 304 *Lift High the Cross*

Refrain:

Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.

Come, Christian follow where our Savior trod
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God
*Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.*

Led on their way - By this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God - In conquering ranks combine.
*Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.*

O Lord, once lifted - On the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised - Draw the world to Thee.
*Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.*

Set up Thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.
*Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.*

For Thy blest Cross which doth for all atone
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne
*Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.*

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin
Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he
rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: O Lord, when *we* want to do good, evil is right there with *us*.

C: ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. (Romans 7)

P: We cry out to you this morning O Lord! We know that we are weak – but you are strong. We do stumble and fall ... yet You are always there to pick us up. We ask for your forgiveness when we disobey and sin against You. Please forgive us when we don't love one another as you have loved us.

C. We thank you for Your assurance of our forgiveness. We are comforted that there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life sets *us* free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8)

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Scripture Reading Luke 6:43-49

⁴³ "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.
⁴⁴ Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. ⁴⁵ The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

⁴⁶ "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? ⁴⁷ I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. ⁴⁸ He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."

*Hymn No. 211 *O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus—vast, unmeasured, boundless free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me, underneath me,
all around me, is the current of Thy love —
leading onward, leading homeward, to my glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore.
How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;
how for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of ev'ry love the best!

'Tis an ocean vast of blessing; 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus—'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

Offering of Thanks and Praise

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn No. 188 At the Cross

Alas! and did my Savior bleed ~ And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head ~ For such a worm as I?

Refrain:

At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away,
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day!

Was it for crimes that I had done ~ He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown! ~ And love beyond degree!

Refrain:

Well might the sun in darkness hide ~ And shut his glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker died, ~ For man the creature's sin.

Refrain:

But drops of grief can ne'er repay ~ The debt of love I owe:
Here, Lord, I give myself away, ~ 'Tis all that I can do.

Refrain:

At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away,
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sermon Continued

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Hymn

O How He Loves You and Me

O how He loves you and me. O how He loves you and me.
He gave His life, what more could He give,
O how He loves, you, O how He loves, me,
O how He loves you and me.

Serving of the Bread

Sermon Continued

At the cross we discover the foundation to build our life upon.

Hymn *By His Grace*

By His grace I am redeemed, By His blood I am made clean,
And I now can know Him face to face,
By His pow'r I have been raised, Hidden now in Christ by faith,
I will praise the glory of His grace.

Serving the Cup

*Benediction *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Turn your Eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace.

*Choral Benediction

*Postlude