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Six Important Truths

1. Jesus' Death Atoned for Our Sins

- Our understanding must start with _____.
- The need for atonement was established long _____ Jesus.
- _____ 10:_____.

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- _____ :10.
- _____ can follow the law perfectly.
- _____ 3:_____ - _____.
- We are now _____ by our faith in Jesus.

3. Jesus' Death Reconciled Us to God

- Our relationship can be _____ now that our sins have been paid for.
- Colossians 1:_____ - _____
- _____ 5:10
- The work of the cross made _____ between us and God possible.

4. Jesus' Death Demonstrated God's Love

- Scripture does not talk about God's love on every _____.
- Jesus' death was an act of _____.
- God wants to be with us _____.

5. Jesus' Death Defeated the Power of Satan

- When Jesus began His ministry, He _____ Satan's temptations in the wilderness. (Luke 4:1-13)
- _____ 2:13-15
- Satan remains _____ because the kingdom of God is not yet fully present. (1 Pet. 5:8)
- No one who puts their trust in Jesus will _____.

6. Jesus' Death Gave Us Eternal Life

- God has set "_____ in the human heart." (Eccles. 3:11)
- _____ 1:_____.
- 1 _____ 2:9

c) What Jesus accomplished is too _____ to leave for subjective interpretation.

Key Points

- (i) Christians today sometimes reduce the significance of Jesus' death on the cross to whatever it means to them. But the Bible tells us that Jesus' death accomplished very specific objectives.
- (ii) Jesus' death atoned for our sins, removed us from the curse of the Law, reconciled us to God, demonstrated God's love, defeated the power of Satan and gave us eternal life.

Talking to our Kids about this

Opener

- What is one major objective Jesus accomplished on the cross?
 - *(His death atoned for our sins)*
 - *(You can review how the Old Testament sacrificial system pointed forward to Jesus)*

Going Further

- Describe a time when you felt like you had to be more perfect than you were able to be – at home, school, church or somewhere else. How did it make you feel?
 - *(Read Galatians 3:10 and explain that Jesus' death removed the "curse" of needing to follow the Old Testament law perfect in order to be made right with God. No one can do that.)*
- Read Colossians 1:21-22. This tells us something else that Jesus accomplished on the cross. What is it?
 - *(Explain what reconciliation means and why it matters that we can now be at peace with God)*
- If a friend asked you to explain how Jesus' death on the cross shows God's love for us, what would you say?
 - *(The God of the universe loved us so much that He wanted to be with us forever and was willing to humble Himself to the point of death on a cross to make that possible.)*
- The Bible tells us that Jesus' death defeated Satan. How do you think it did that?
 - *(When Jesus died for our sins, Satan lost the ability to accuse us of guilt before God. Read 1 Cor. 2:9 and discuss how those who put their trust in Jesus will have eternal life.)*

Application

- How would you respond to [this Pastor's quote](#)?
 - *"We are not fallen creatures. We are evolving creatures. Jesus did not die upon the cross to save us from God's wrath, Jesus died on the cross because he threatened the powers that be and because he was willing to live for what he believed in. Because he chose love over hate, good over evil, and refused to take up the sword, Jesus threatened the status quo and the powers that be chose to execute him. Jesus didn't die for our sins. Jesus lived for the things he believed in. Jesus lived for love and loved so greatly that He was willing to die for that love and in dying Jesus showed us that love never dies." (A Progressive Christian Wades into the Waters of Baptism)*

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