

PBC Growing in Christ

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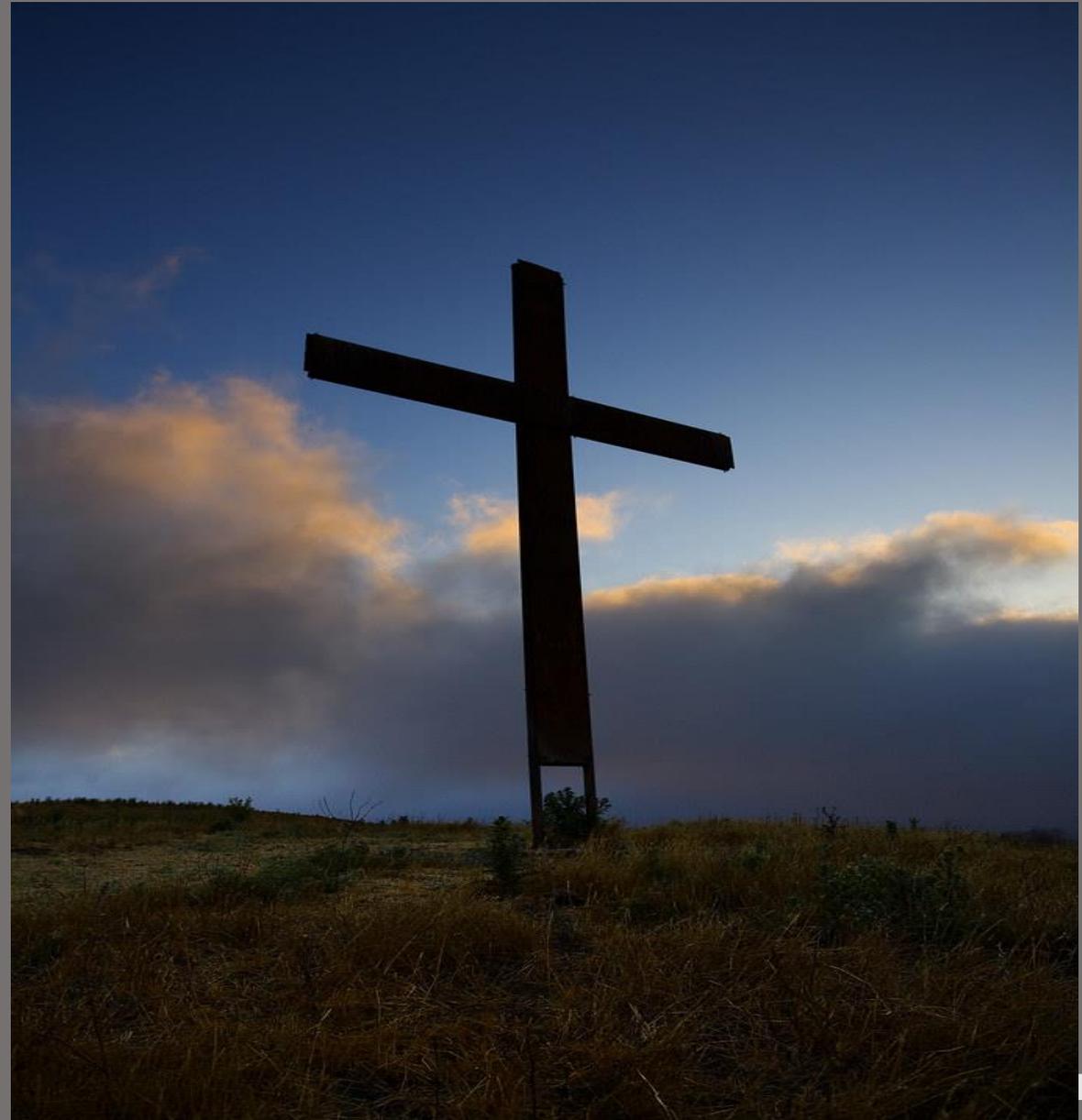
Class Norms

A large, dark wooden cross stands in a field of tall grass. The cross is silhouetted against a sky with soft, golden light from a setting or rising sun, creating a peaceful and contemplative atmosphere. The cross is the central focus of the image, with its vertical post and two horizontal arms clearly visible.

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

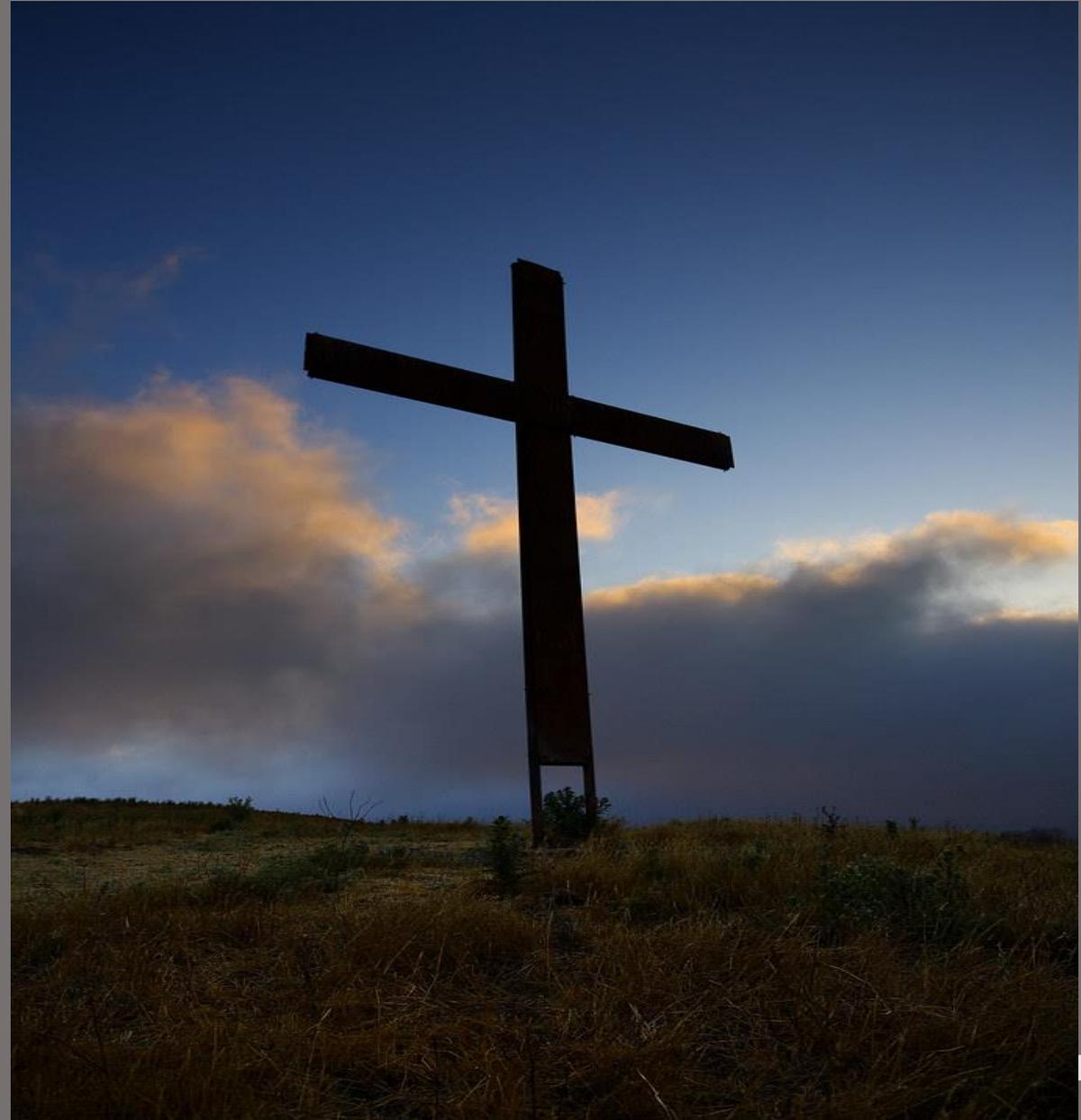
Growing in Christ

- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



Growing in Christ

To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)



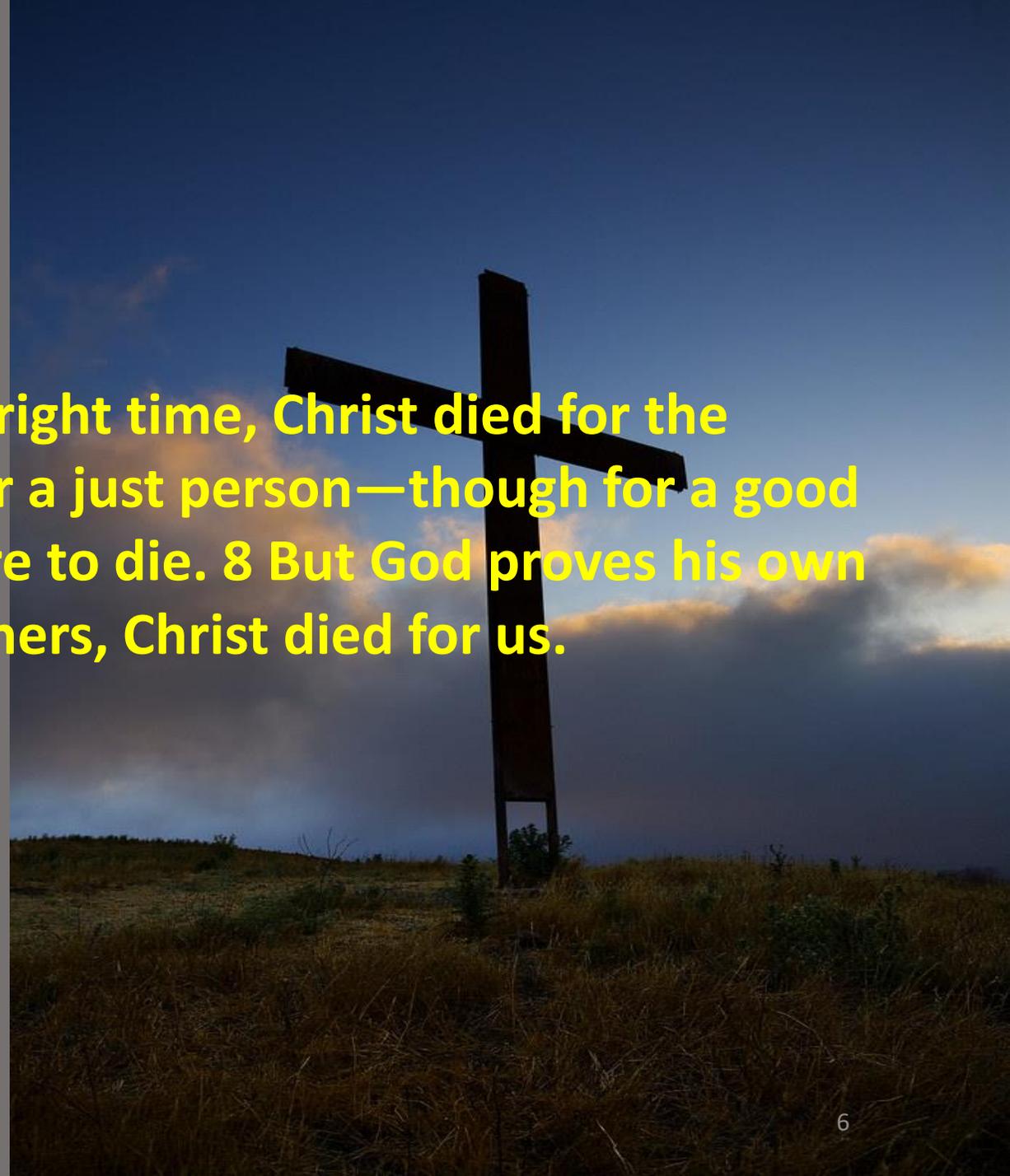


Christ's Commitment to Us Romans 5:6-12,18-21

**What lessons about
commitment were you
taught growing up?**

Scripture Romans 5:6-8

6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For rarely will someone die for a just person—though for a good person perhaps someone might even dare to die. 8 But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.





Christ's Commitment to Us Romans 5:6-8

Why might some people find it difficult to accept the gospel as presented in these verses?"

Do you recognize your need for Christ? If so How?



Christ's Commitment to Us

Romans 5:6-8

- Because of his love God left the comfort and glory of heaven to come to this planet to die for us.
- Romans 5:8 is agape, which carries the idea of commitment or sacrifice. Agape conveys action.
- God put into action to commitment by willingly dying for us.

Scripture

Romans 5:9-11

9 How much more then, since we have now been declared righteous by his blood, will we be saved through him from wrath. 10 For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, then how much more, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. 11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received this reconciliation.



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Romans 5:9-11

How should we understand the term 'reconciled' in these verses?"

How would you explain reconciliation to an unbeliever?



Christ's Commitment to Us

Romans 5:9-11

- We're declared righteous by Jesus' blood. "righteous" means "right standing" or "right conduct."
- We're saved from God's wrath. We don't like to think about God as wrathful, but when we get our minds around it, this actually helps us better understand His love for us.
- We're reconciled to God through Jesus' death. The greatest joy and contentment we can experience is in a personal relationship with the One who created us.

Scripture

Romans 5:12,18-21

12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death spread to all people, because all sinned. ... 18 So then, as through one trespass there is condemnation for everyone, so also through one righteous act there is justification leading to life for everyone. 19 For just as through one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so also through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. 20 The law came along to multiply the trespass. But where sin multiplied, grace multiplied even more 21 so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace will reign through righteousness, resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Christ's Commitment to Us

Romans 5:12,18-21

What can we learn from verse 12 about sin?"

How do these verses describe Christ's commitment to us?"

What is the connection between Christ's obedience and our righteousness?"



Christ's Commitment to Us

Romans 5:6-12,18-21

- Christ's love and commitment is so immeasurable that even the greatest sinners can be saved through the radical grace of God.
- In His limitless grace, God both pardons and brings us into His kingdom to live forever in His presence.



GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

AUGUST 2, 2020

- **Invest in your relationship. Pray and reflect on Christ's commitment to you. Ask yourself: How am I living in light of Jesus' great commitment to me?**
- **Start by committing to a daily time of prayer this week as a way of investing in this relationship.**
- **Share with others. Share the love and commitment of Christ with someone this week. Pray that God would bring to your mind someone who needs to hear the good news of the gospel, and then make it a priority.**

Final thoughts about Christ's Commitment to Us



- **Other Beliefs.** If you're good, God will love you. If you get your act together, God will accept you.
- **Christianity.** You weren't good, yet God loved you anyway, even to the point of dying for you.
- **At the core of the gospel is a commitment.**
- **Accept His commitment.**

Final thoughts about Christ's Commitment to Us



“We are going to love the hell out
you!”

Resources

We're declared righteous by Jesus' blood. The word "righteous" means "right standing" or "right conduct." To understand the beauty of this, we have to first understand the nature of sin. God is perfectly holy and can't be in the presence of sin. The bad news is we "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

We're reconciled to God through Jesus' death. At the heart of the gospel, we see God reaching out to us to reconcile us to Himself. The greatest joy and contentment we can experience is in a personal relationship with the One who created us. Sin broke our relationship with God.

BIBLE-Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth

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**Next Week: August 23, 2020
Our Commitment to Christ**

Mark 10:13-22

**What's something you've
really enjoyed being
committed to?"**



God Bless You!

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