

**Alderwood Community Church**  
**February 11, 2018**

**The Death of Jesus Christ**  
**God Came: The Doctrine of Christ (Part 5)**  
**Selected Passages**

**Big Idea: When we talk about Jesus' death for our sin, we mean that His death on the cross fully paid for our sins.**

**1. Jesus Christ died as our \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2. Jesus Christ died to \_\_\_\_\_ us.**

3. Jesus Christ died to \_\_\_\_\_ us to God.

4. Jesus Christ, by His death, \_\_\_\_\_ God's wrath.

### **Sermon Questions:**

1. Pastor Ken talked about four biblical terms that describe the meaning of Jesus Christ's death on the cross - substitution, redemption, reconciliation, and satisfaction. Which one most speaks to you personally? Why?

Why do you think God used these four different terms to describe the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross?

2. In **John 3:14-15**, when He was talking with Nicodemus, Jesus used an Old Testament story to illustrate faith in Him. Read **Numbers 21:4-9**. How does this help you understand the concept of faith in Jesus?

How do the illustrations of believing in a doctor or sitting in a chair help you understand faith? Can you think of another word picture that helps you understand biblical faith?

3. Even when we believe Christ died for us, we still sometimes struggle with guilt and shame. How do you deal with that? In what sense are these feelings good or bad?
4. **Ephesians 4:32** describes a very practical implication of being forgiven by God through Christ. Can you share a time when you found it difficult to forgive someone? How does understanding Christ's atonement help you to forgive?

5. Some critics have suggested that God pouring out His wrath on Jesus to pay for our sins is equal to “divine child abuse”. Do you agree? Why or why not?

Read **John 10:14-18**. How do Jesus’ own words suggest one reply to that complaint? Can you think of other biblical responses?

*Here’s a link to an article on this topic that you might find helpful:*  
<https://www.str.org/articles/cosmic-child-abuse#.Wn33r4jwZPZ>