

# CENTERED AROUND THE CROSS

In the New Testament, the message of the cross – Jesus Christ and Him crucified – was at the heart of Christianity. Without the cross, the meaning of Christianity would be lost, the sacrifice of Christ would be unknown, and the message of the Gospel worthless. Consider the central things of Christianity which are “Centered Around the Cross.”

## 1. OUR MESSAGE

The cross is the heart of the gospel, and the cross must be the heart of our preaching!

*1 Corinthians 1:18-24; 2:1-2;  
Mark 16:15-16; Romans 1:15-16;  
Galatians 6:14*

## 2. THE NEW COVENANT

Christ’s new covenant was bought at the cross, and the old law was nailed shut!

*Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 26:28;  
Hebrews 8:6-7; 9:15-17; Colossians 2:13-14*

## 3. REMISSION OF SINS

Jesus died on the cross that we might have forgiveness (remission) of sins!

*Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19;  
Hebrews 9:22; Revelation 1:5*

## 4. BAPTISM

Jesus offered Himself, freely shed His blood for our forgiveness. We must get into His death, and that is by baptism!

*Romans 6:3-4; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21*

## 5. THE CHURCH

The church was purchased at the Cross – paid for by Christ’s death.

*Acts 20:28; Ephesians 5:23-27*

## 6. THE LORD’S SUPPER

Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper as a way for His followers to remember His death. Faithful Christians do so each first day of the week.

*Matthew 26:26-28; Acts 20:7;  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

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