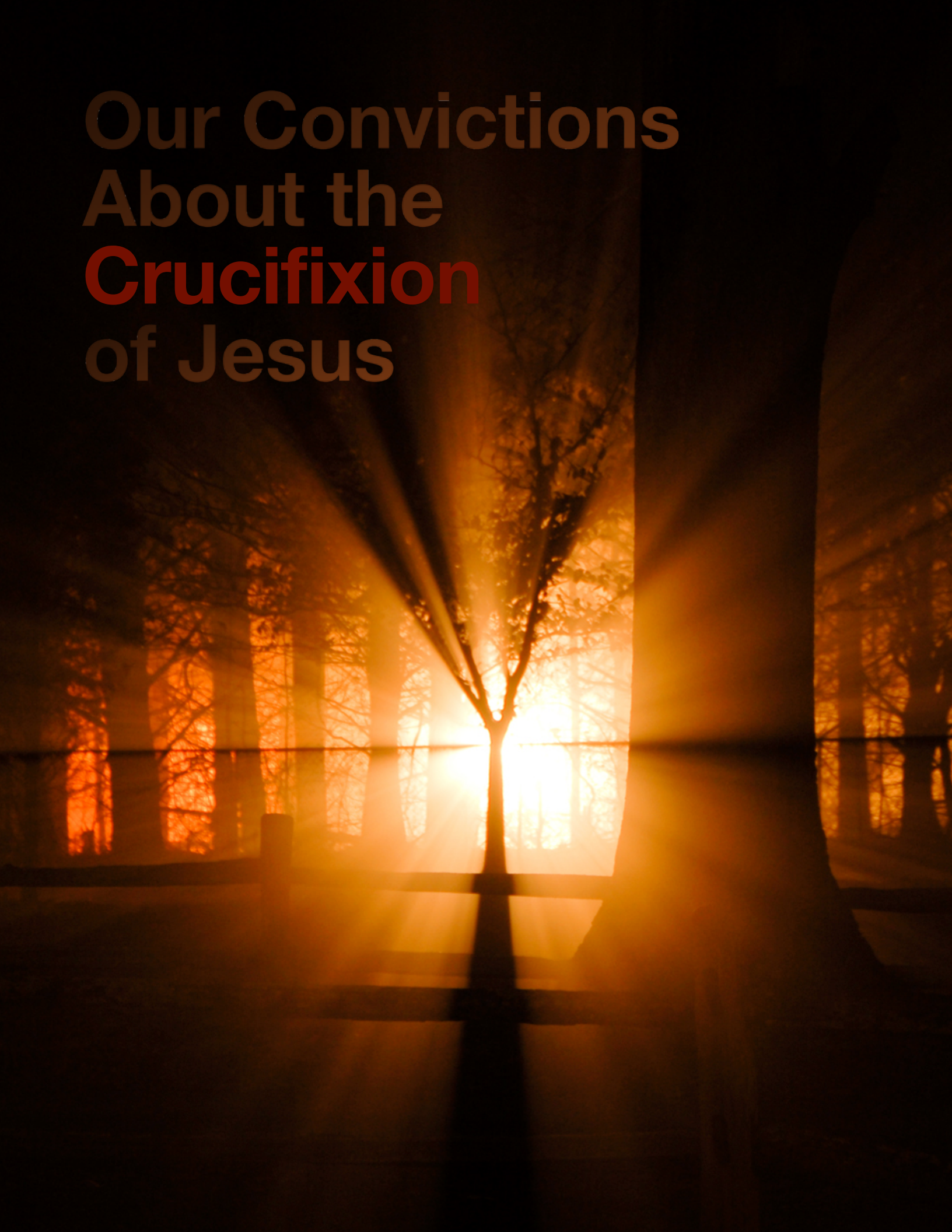


# Our Convictions About the **Crucifixion** of Jesus



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## 1 Corinthians 2:1-7 KJV

[1] And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. [2] For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. [3] And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. [4] And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: [5] That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. [6] Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: [7] But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory.

## 1. It was NOT the result of the combined decision of the Jews and the Romans

Peter made this very clear in his first sermon, and he also affirmed it many years later in his first epistle, saying of Christ, "The Father's plan for the crucifixion of His Son was motivated by the sinful, hopeless condition of mankind, His love for us, and His justice." (1 Peter 1:20-21 KJV). Even before creation and the entrance of sin into the world, God already had a plan in place for the redemption of those who would believe in Him.

## 1 Peter 1:19-21 KJV

[19] But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: [20] Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, [21] Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

## John 16:28 KJV

I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

## 2. It was motivated by three things:

### 1. Pay our sin debt in full

The cross was God's way of fulfilling His predestined plan of salvation. Now all who trust in Christ can be forgiven and receive eternal life.

### 2. He loved us

The Father's plan for the crucifixion of His Son was motivated by the sinful, hopeless condition of mankind, His love for us, and His justice.

### 3. The justice of God

God could neither ignore our sin nor simply decide to forgive us, because those options would be unjust, and He cannot act contrary to His nature.

## Ephesians 1:3-5 KJV

[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: [4] According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: [5] Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

### **3. It was a sacrificial, atoning death**

The devastating consequence of sin is so great, God taught the lesson at the very beginning. 2 lessons taught right from the beginning: Sin is deadly and destructive in a life, but also God is forgiving and has offered us a way out.

John 3:16 KJV

[16] For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Hebrews 10:4-5 KJV

[4] For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. [5] Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

Romans 3:23-26 KJV

[23] For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; [24] Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: [25] Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; [26] To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Romans 5:8-11 KJV

[8] But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. [9] Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. [10] For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. [11] And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

### **4. It was the only moment in recorded history when the Godhead was separated.**

Jesus had to be separated from God during his death in order to pay the sin debt properly. The death of Christ tore the veil in the Temple. The veil, which divided the holy of holies, the sacred dwelling place of the Lord God, was ripped open. As blood poured forth from the side of Jesus on Calvary Hill, the veil, the division between God and man, was torn.

1. Was the only time in eternity when a person of the trinity died.
2. Was an event that could never be duplicated and never needed repeating.
3. Was the only event in human history powerful enough to provide for the forgiveness of all the sin of all mankind, uniting man with God.
4. Was the only event in human history that affected the future of the dead, the living, and the yet to be born.