

# **THE CROSS AND THE CROSSROADS**

John 3:14-21      Jeff Schreve

**What do we learn about God and man in the light of the cross?**

**1. The cross reveals the true heart of God.**

A. At the cross, we see the love of God.

B. At the cross, we see the righteousness of God.

*Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne;  
Lovingkindness and truth go before You. Psalm 89:14*

*"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so **must**  
the Son of Man be lifted up." John 3:14*

*... for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, **that He might be just and the justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus. Romans 3:26*

C. At the cross, we see the grace of God.

*"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men ...."  
Titus 2:11*

D. At the cross, we see the mission of God.

*"For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the  
world, but that the world should be saved through Him."  
John 3:17*

**2. The cross reveals the true heart of man.**

A. Man is in serious trouble.

*"... should not perish, but have eternal life."*

B. Man loves the darkness of sin.

C. Man is at the crossroads of light and darkness.

1. Coming to Jesus means I get honest about my sin.

*If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. 1 John 1:8, 10*

2. Coming to Jesus means I go His way, not my way.

**Eternal life requires a decision; you cannot remain neutral.**