



MISSION COVENANT CHURCH

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## **HOW CAN I BECOME A CHRISTIAN?**

***Trust Jesus Christ as your Savior:***

### **Realize you have sinned**

***“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”***

***Romans 3:23***

*All of us have “missed the mark” of God’s righteousness and stand guilty before Him. Because of this, we deserve death – eternal separation from God.*

***“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”***

***Romans 6:23***

### **Recognize Christ paid for sin**

***“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”***

***Romans 5:8***

***“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to Scripture.”***

***I Corinthians 15:3, 4***

*By dying in our place and rising from the grave, Christ paid for sin – in full – and thereby solved both the sin and death problem.*

### **Rely on Christ for salvation**

***“For it was by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.”***

***Ephesians 2:8, 9***

We must trust Christ alone in order to receive forgiveness of sin and eternal life.

**Friday, April 2, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**



## ***Welcome to Mission Covenant Church!***

***Mission Covenant Church exists to connect the unconnected to Jesus Christ and together grow as fully devoted followers of Him***

If you are a Visitor today, we invite you to fill out a connection card found at the guest tables by either entrance; pick up a gift and an information packet from us as well. We’d love to know you were here and hope you will worship with us again.

If you have questions or need directions, please ask one of our Greeters. For additional information regarding our services, ministries, and facilities, visit our website at [missioncovenantchurch.org](http://missioncovenantchurch.org). We also have a free church app; join the *Mission Covenant Church* app to stay connected.

Infant and Toddler Nurseries are in the north end of the building in the Christian Education Wing. “Our Mom’s with Infants Room,” with live-streamed video of the services, is located in a separate room in the Infant Nursery.

**Friday, April 2, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**

Song "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Scripture Reading John 18:1-14

Song "At the Cross (Love Ran Red)"

Scripture Reading John 19:1-18

Song "O The Blood"

Scripture Reading John 19:19-30

Songs "Once Again"  
"Amazing Love (You Are My King)"

Prayer

Scripture Reading Genesis 3:1-15; Galatians 3:13

Song "The Sacrifice"

Message "A Tale of Two Trees"  
Pastor Darrell Nelson

Song "Mighty Is the Power of the Cross"

Holy Communion

Please reverently reflect on the meaning of the cross as you quietly leave tonight's service.

### **The Title on the Cross**

John 19:19-22

<sup>19</sup> Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. <sup>21</sup> The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews." <sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

### **The Crucifixion of Jesus**

Matthew 27:32-44

<sup>32</sup> As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. <sup>33</sup> They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). <sup>34</sup> There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. <sup>35</sup> When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. <sup>36</sup> And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup> Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>38</sup> Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup> Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" <sup>41</sup> In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. <sup>42</sup> "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup> In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

### **The Death of Jesus**

Matthew 27:45-54

<sup>45</sup> From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. <sup>46</sup> About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*" (Which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). <sup>47</sup> When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah." <sup>48</sup> Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. <sup>49</sup> The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him." <sup>50</sup> And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. <sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks <sup>52</sup> and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. <sup>53</sup> They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. <sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"