

At the cross, Jesus took the *broken pieces* of our lives and made *something beautiful*. At the cross, *forgiveness of sins* was made *available to all*.



"THE MESSY WONDROUS CROSS" Sunday, September 25, 2022 | Neil Tomba

## WE CALL THE CROSS

messy because it is the symbol of...

# we sing the wondrous cross

because it is the symbol of...

# HUMAN PRIDE

# **DIVINE HUMILITY**

#### Philippians 2:6-8

"<sup>6</sup>who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, and being made in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

## **FOOLISHNESS & CURSING**

## **POWER & BLESSING**

#### 1 Corinthians 1:18 & 23

"<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." "<sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness,"

# **STAGGERING DEBT**

# **UNIMAGINABLE FORGIVENESS**

## Colossians 2:13-14

<sup>413</sup>When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with Jesus, having forgiven us all our transgressions, <sup>14</sup>having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross."

#### SHAME

# **GUARANTEE OF HONOR**

#### Hebrews 12:2 & 1 Peter 2:6

"<sup>2</sup>fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." "<sup>6</sup>..."Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

DEATH

# **PROMISE OF LIFE**

## Romans 6:5-8

"<sup>5</sup>For if we have become united with Jesus in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, <sup>6</sup>knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; <sup>7</sup>for he who has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,"