

The Shape of Christian Identity  
Class 5 Peter and Paul: Martyrdom, identifying with the cross of Jesus  
Outline

- Two main emphases of the cross:
  - 1) In the cross, Jesus becomes the atoning sacrifice for the sin of the world.
  - 2) In the cross, Jesus reorients us to the world and the world to us.
- The cross as the atoning sacrifice.
  - Leviticus 4:13-20
- The cross reorients us.
  - Galatians 6:11-14.
- We see these two realities, often side by side, throughout the New Testament.
  - An example from Paul, Colossians 2:8-15.
  - An example from Peter, 1 Peter 2:18-25.
- How are these two realities seen in Paul's life?
  - I Timothy 1:12-17.
- How are these two realities seen in Peter's life?
  - Acts 5:33-42.
- The full expression of the cross is seen in their martyrdom.
  - Paul's.
  - Acts 9:4 as a backdrop for Peter's.
- How do we identify with Jesus in his cross as Peter and Paul did?

Questions:

- 1) What does the cross of Jesus mean to you?
- 2) Was there something especially interesting or poignant for you tonight?
- 3) Was there something difficult to hear or confusing?
- 4) What steps would you like to take in your Christian walk based on the things you heard tonight?

Peter and Paul on the timeline:



Abraham (c. 2000 BC)	<b>Peter &amp; Paul</b> (c. 60)	Gregory Ambrose (d. 394) (d. 397)	Bernard (d. 1153)	Theresa (d. 1582)	Us (2019)
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Peter and Paul on the map:

