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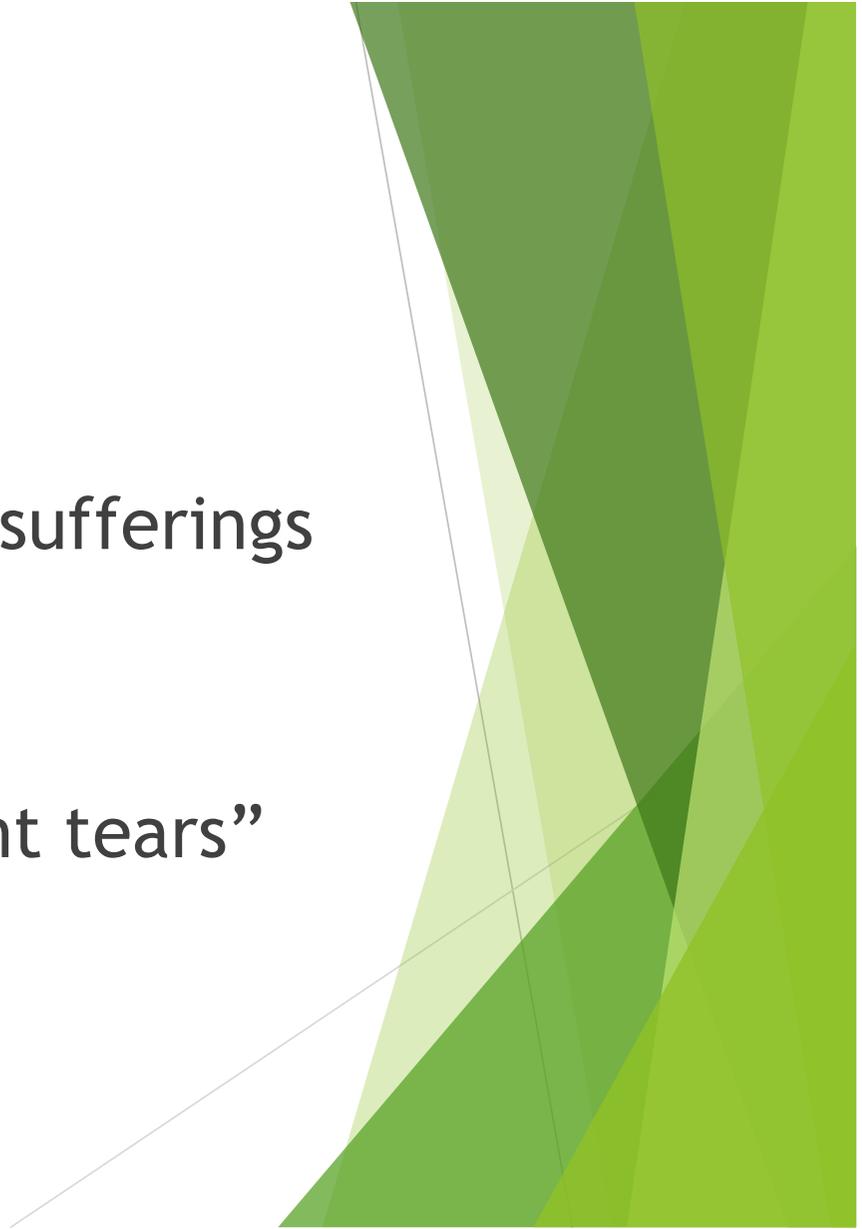
THE REDEMPTION

RECONCILIATION

- ▶ WE WERE HELPLESS, DESPERATE, SEPARATED FROM GOD
- ▶ ONLY GOD COULD SAVE US 2 Cor 5:18-19
- ▶ IN FULL SOLIDARITY WITH OUR SINFUL STATE JESUS MADE THE “YES” TO THE FATHER THAT WE WERE NOT ABLE TO MAKE
- ▶ HE FREELY TOOK OUR PLACE BY SUFFERING THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN FOR US

THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

- ▶ SOLITARY TERROR MK 14:34
- ▶ ACCEPTS THE “CUP OF WRATH” - sufferings of his soul Is.53:5
- ▶ Heb 5:7 ‘prayer aloud and in silent tears’



ABANDONMENT ON THE CROSS

- ▶ “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME?” Mk 15:34
- ▶ “God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” 2 Cor 5:21
- ▶ Does not despair; perfect act of trust in Father “Father into your hands I commit my spirit” Lk 23:46

TRANSFORMING LOVE Why he died!!

- ▶ “I HAVE COME TO BRING FIRE TO THE EARTH....” Lk 12:49
- ▶ “The love of Christ compels us.....” 2Cor 5:14
- ▶ Pierced side of Christ Heart opened in love for all Jn 19:37
- ▶ Predicted by Jesus - Jn 7:17-19
- ▶ Heart of God given for us; won by his love

HEART OF MERCY

- ▶ SHOWS US THE FATHER'S HEART - PARABLE OF FORGIVING FATHER
- ▶ “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do”
- ▶ Breaks the cycle of violence
- ▶ Solidarity with us; turned hatred into love, evil into goodness, slavery into freedom
- ▶ Eyes of mercy for repentant thief Lk 23:39-43

THE FATHER RAISED HIM FROM DEATH

- ▶ UNLESS JESUS WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD OUR FAITH WOULD BE IN VAIN
- ▶ MANY BELIEVE THAT JESUS DIED, BUT NOT SO MANY BELIEVE HE ROSE
- ▶ NOT A RESUSCITATED CORPSE; BUT CHANGED INTO GLORY; NEVER TO DIE AGAIN
- ▶ OUR FAITH NOT IN THE EMPTY TOMB, BUT IN THE RISEN CHRIST

POWER TO CHANGE

- ▶ Power to become a whole new creation in Christ

Eph 1:17-20; Eph 3:20; Phil 3:10

- ▶ “For anyone in Christ there is a new creation; the old is gone and the new is here” 2 Cor 5:17

- ▶ “Yes” to our baptism . Rom 6:5-11



OUR RESPONSE

- ▶ Yes to the salvation won for us in Jesus, through his death and resurrection.
- ▶ “Repent & believe the good news” Mk 1:15
- ▶ Righteousness that comes not from the law but through faith in Christ Phil 3:9
- ▶ Open the door of your heart Rev 3:19-20

OUR RESPONSE

- ▶ “If you confess with your lips Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart God raised him from the dead you shall be saved” Rom 10:9
- ▶ Allow Jesus into every room of your house. If he is not Lord of all ; he is not Lord at all
- ▶ “My Beloved is mine and I am his; and his banner over me is love” Song 2:16,4