

Yeshua's death on our behalf is the proof of God's love for us



But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. Romans 5:8

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Today I was involved in an interesting discussion on a zoom call. Part of the discussion centered around how we live in a broken world where it's difficult to gain perspective and to help others when we are devastated by the challenges that come from living in this broken (often even evil) world. The subsequent questions can center around "how could a God of love allow these atrocities to happen?" or "if God cared why would He have let these bad/painful things happen to me or those I love."

While processing this discussion, the line of an old David Ruis song came to mind: *When living here has caused me pain, things I just don't understand...the cross of Christ is proof enough that He is good.* In that moment I had reconfirmed to me that in the midst of my pain or trying to help another in the midst of their pain that I won't ever be able to adequately answer the deepest questions from a battered heart. But, if I meditate on Yeshua's suffering on the cross on my behalf as proof of His love/goodness then I will be in a better place

to process and interpret life's pains and to be a help to others.

Tomorrow in our corporate service, we will take the Lord's Supper together. Paul's admonition to us is "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." (1 Cor 11:26) It's interesting that Yeshua's death is the crux of what we're proclaiming as we do this. It's as if God is saying, "you are going to have many trials and sorrows while living in this present age. But in the midst of these difficulties, I have promised to be with you and as you regularly renew your covenant with Me you proclaim My death (which is the proof of My love for you) until I return to be with you forever." I certainly don't have adequate answers to life's deepest questions, but as I meditate on Yeshua's death for me I can recalibrate my heart back to connecting with His love (John 15:9) and goodness even as I am struggling with pain and questions in the present moment.