**Sermon on the Cross**

**INTRODUCTION:**

**A. John 20:24-29**

**B. While nails are mentioned at least nine times in the Bible,** **John 20:25** is the only reference to them in the life of Christ

1. Growing up around a carpenter’s   
 shop, no doubt, **Jesus understood   
 the normal use of nails**

2. Nails **were used to hold things   
 together**

3. Nails in the days of Christ were   
 probably **crude and ugly** — not   
 smooth like the ones we purchase   
 today

**C. Our text referred to the nails used   
 to crucify Christ**

1. **Man used three nails to hold   
 Christ on the cross**

2. **The pain and agony of the nails —   
 unbearable**

D. May I suggest that there is   
something more important about these nails. **Those three nails did more than nail Christ to the cross:**

1. They **nailed down the Faithfulness   
 of God**

2. **They nailed close the Door of   
 Judaism**  
  
 3. They **nailed together Christ and   
 His Church**

4. They **nailed together the Blood   
 and Baptism**

5. They **nailed closed Every Other   
 Way**

6. They **nailed down the Love of God**

**DISCUSSION:**

**A. THEY NAILED DOWN THE FAITHFULNESS   
 OF GOD**

**1. Notice the complete ability and   
 dependability of God:**

a. **2 Corinthians 1:20**

b. **Romans 4:21**

c. **Ephesians 3:20**

d. **Philippians 3:21**

e. **Hebrews 11:11**

f. **Titus 1:2**

g. **Hebrews 6:18**

**2. Consider the difficulties:**

a. 4,000 years of time was   
 involved

b. The right tribe and family

c. A remnant spared

d. Christ came into this world in   
 Bethlehem

e. Then, true to His word, the   
 death of God’s only begotten   
 Son on the cross of Calvary

3. While it is true that God will   
 carry out all His promises, it is   
 equally true that he will carry   
 out all His threats

a. **John 3:16**

b. **John 8:24**

c. **Matthew 10:32-33**

d. **Mark 16:16**

e. **Revelation 2:10**

f. **Hebrews 10:26-17**

4. Thus, the nails of the cross   
 nailed down the fact that God   
 will keep His promises, even at   
 the cost of His Son’s death on   
 the cruel cross of Calvary

**B. THEY NAILED CLOSED THE DOOR OF   
 JUDAISM**

1. We are not under the Old   
 Testament system:

a. **Colossians 2:14**

b. **Hebrews 9:15**

2. The Old Law served as a   
 schoolmaster, looking forward to   
 the coming Seed — **Gal. 3:19-25**

3. Nailed shut are the requirements   
 of the Old Law…

4. To try to return to that system   
 is to fall from grace —**Gal. 5:4**

**C. THEY NAILED TOGETHER CHRIST AND HIS   
 CHURCH**

1. Many have the wrong attitude   
 toward the church:

a. “The church is not essential   
 to salvation”

b. Join the church of your choice

2. The **nails were driven to purchase   
 the church**

a. **Acts 20:28**

b. **Ephesians 5:25**

3. Some will:

a. **Forsake the church**

b. **Resent the church**

c. **Ignore the church**

d. **Divide the church**

4. The church and Christ are as much   
 a unit as a husband and a wife —   
 **Ephesians 5:31-32**

**D. THEY NAILED TOGETHER THE BLOOD AND   
 BAPTISM**

1. It is only through the blood of   
 Christ that we have redemption in   
 Christ

a. **Revelation 7:13-14**

b. **1 Peter 1:18-19**

c. **1 John 1:7**

2. Three facts that show beyond   
 question the relationship   
 between baptism and blood

a. We are washed from our sins   
 in His blood (**Rev. 1:5**). We   
 are washed from our sins in   
 baptism (**Acts 22:16**).

b. It is through the blood that   
 we have remission of sins   
 (**Matt. 26:28**). It is through   
 baptism that we have   
 remission of sins(**Acts 2:38**).

c. It was in Christ’s death that   
 His blood was shed (**John   
 19:34**). We are baptized into   
 His death (**Romans 6:3-4**).

3. The nails of cross have joined   
 baptism and the blood of Christ.

a. Man cannot draw out these   
 nails

b. **Mark 16:16**

c. **1 Peter 3:21**

**E. THEY NAILED CLOSED EVERY OTHER WAY**

1. A hymn says, “I must needs go   
 home by the way of the cross,   
 there’s no other way but this.” —   
 **This is indeed true**

a. **John 14:6**

b. **Acts 4:12**

2. People will say that there are   
 many ways of salvation, but —   
 **John 10:1**

3. The Bible emphasizes the   
 designation of one in **Eph. 4:4-6**

**F. THEY NAILED DOWN THE LOVE OF GOD**

1. **Romans 5:8-9**

2. Many things seems to hide the   
 love of God from us

a. **Sin may seem to hide the love   
 of God** — but it really   
 shouldn’t

b. **Sickness may seem to hide the   
 love of God** from us — but it   
 really shouldn’t

c. **Pain may seem to hide the love   
 of God** from us — but it really   
 shouldn’t

d. **Unkindness may seem to hide   
 the love of God** from us — but   
 it really shouldn’t

e. **Grief may seem to hide the   
 love of God** from us — but it   
 really shouldn’t

3**. But look at the nails!**

a. Consider Jesus’ cry for help

1) **Matthew 26:29**

2) Yet, God made the choice of   
 love

b. Consider the pitiful sigh from   
 the cross

1) **Matthew 26:39**

2) Yes, God made the choice of   
 Love

4. **Hebrews 13:5** — this fact has been   
 nailed down by the nails of the   
 cross

**CONCLUSION:**

**A. A great hymn says:**

When I survey the wondrous cross,  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but lost,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my Lord;  
All vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

**B. Are these nails enough to nail down…**

1. **Your conviction?**

2. **Your conversion?**

3. **Your commitment?**

**C. The nails of Christ did more than   
 nail Christ to the cross!**