PROPOSITION: Jesus’ death on the cross as an atoning sacrifice for our sins and subsequent bodily resurrection from the dead is absolutely core to our Christian faith and greatly impacts good relationships.

I. Jesus’ death on the cross

A. Picture of God’s incredible love
   I John 4:9-10 (I Cor 15:3-4)
   “He loved us”

B. Shows God’s sacrificial initiation to restore
   “He sent His Son”

C. God initiates reconciliation
   “atonning sacrifice”

D. Sacrifice for our sins (propitiation)
   “sacrifice for our sins”

II. Transformational for everyday relationships

A. Transforms how we act towards others
   I John 4:7, 11

B. Transforms our definition of love
   I John 4:9

C. Transforms who we are to love
   Romans 5:8

D. Transforms our call to sacrifice
   I John 4:10b

E. Transforms our picture of God

F. Transforms our idea of reconciliation

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