

The Cross of Christ Part 5: The Power of The Cross

Key Text: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25

Review

Part 1: The Centrality of the Cross Part 2: Shadows of the Cross Part 3: The Cross in Prophecy

Part 4: The Wisdom of the Cross

Substitution: Substitution teaches me that God loves me immensely – so much that He would take my place Himself.

Atonement: Atonement teaches me that God wants a relationship with me – so much that He would Himself would bear sin's judgment to make it possible.

Redemption: Redemption teaches me that God desires so much to restore me from the Fall – that He would Himself pay a great price to make it possible.

Today: The Power of the Cross

Through the Fall, mankind became a slave to sin and satan. Sin and satan gained mastery over the human race.

The power of the Cross breaks the dominion of sin and satan over our lives.

In Adam, we are slaves to sin. In Adam, we come under the dominion of satan. In the Second Adam, Christ, we are set free from sin. In the Second Adam, Christ we are set free from satan's dominion over our lives.

If we live out of our identity in Adam, we live under the control of sin and satan. If we live our of our identity in Christ, we live a life free from the dominion of sin and satan.

To understand the power of the Cross, we must understand "identification"

Hebrews 2:10,11,14a

Jesus identified with us in His birth, so that we could be identified with Him in His death.

Jesus became like unto us, so that He could represent us on the Cross.

In the mind of God, we were in Him, on the Cross.

What happened to Christ on the cross, happened to you and me, because we were in Him.

The cross gives us power over sin and satan

Christ broke sins power over our lives

Romans 6:6,11,13

We were 'in Adam' – so that when Adam sinned we became slaves to sin.

We were 'in Christ' – so that when Christ died, our old man died with Him on the Cross.



As a believer you do not have an old man (an old sinful nature), because this old man (old sinful nature) was nailed and crucified on the cross, so that the power of sin over our lives could be broken so that we no longer are slaves to sin (Romans 6:6). We have a new man, which is created in the image of God, in righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:24).

We must KNOW this (Romans 6:6)
We must RECKON this to be true (count this to be absolute fact) (Romans 6:11)
We must WALK in this (Romans 6:13)

Christ annulled satan's power over our lives

Christ's triumph on the cross
Hebrews 2:14,15 Colossians 2:14,15
When Christ triumphed, we triumphed.
We must understand that we are winners. We have dominion over satan through the Cross.
We are delivered from the powers of darkness (Colossians 2:13,14)
Satan has no authority over us, except what we permit him to have.

We must KNOW this
We must RECKON this to be true (count this to be absolute fact)
We must WALK in this.





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