

THE CROSS OF CHRIST – THE POWER OF GOD

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The preaching of the Cross is the message of the Gospel. *1Cor 1:17, 1Cor 15:3,4.*

The preaching of the Cross is the power of God to us, who are being saved. *1Cor 1:18, Rom 1:16,17.*

We preach Christ, having been crucified, (but Who is now risen, ascended and seated at God's right hand.)

1Cor 1:23, 1Cor 2:2. ("having been crucified" – see Zondervan Parallel N.T. in Greek and English, and see "The New Testament, an Expanded Translation" by Kenneth S. Wuest). **Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.**
1Cor 1:23,24.

The enemies of Jesus Christ who brought about His death on the Cross, **thought that they had defeated and destroyed Him.** They were **the powers of darkness,** *1Cor 2:8,* **the religious leaders and the people,** *Mat 26:59,66, Mat 27:22, Ac 2:23,36,* and **the Roman rulers.** *Mat 27:26-35.*

BUT THEY WERE WRONG.

Instead of destroying Jesus they destroyed themselves. *Heb 2:14, 1Jn 3:8, Col 2:15, Phil 2:5-11, Rev 1:18.*

For, three days later, God raised Jesus Christ from the dead, and Jesus ascended to the Throne of God, as Lord of Lords and King of Kings. *1Cor 15:4-6, Mat 28:6,7, Mk 16:6, Lk 24:6, Ac 1:9-11, Rev 19:6, Rom 8:11, Eph 1:19-23, Heb 1:3.*

The Lord Jesus Christ has all authority in heaven and earth, *Mat 28:18.* He has **a Name above every name in heaven and earth and under the earth.** *Phil 2:9-11.* **He, (God) has put all things under His feet.** *Eph 1:22.*

Jesus was not a victim on the Cross. He was actually in charge of what was going on. He spoke from the Cross, seven times with power and purpose. *Mat 27:46, Lk 23:34, Lk 23:42, Jn 19:26,27, Jn 19:28, Lk 23:46, Jn 19:30.* The Roman centurion who was in charge of the crucifixion, said, "Truly this was the Son of God!" *Mat 27:54.*

The Cross of Christ and His Resurrection is the turning point of all existence and history.

On one side is eternal life and on the other side eternal death. Those who believe in Jesus Christ and believe in His death and resurrection for themselves, move out of eternal death into eternal life. *Rom 10:9,10, Col 1:13,14, Eph 1:7, Jn 5:24, Jn 3:16.*

On the Cross, Jesus Christ took all our sins on Himself, and took the **punishment** for them, so that we could be **forgiven.** *1Pet 2:24, 1Pet 3:18, Is 53:5,6, 2Cor 5:21, 1Cor 15:3.*

The Blood of Jesus Christ washes and cleanses us from all sin. *Rev 1:5, 1 Jn 1:7, Rom 5:9, Is 1:18, Eph 1:7.*

By faith in the Blood of Jesus, we are justified and declared righteous in God's sight. *Rom 3:22-25, Rom 5:1, Rom 4:5.* **On the Cross Jesus, redeemed all who believed in Him, out of the Kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of God, by His Blood.** *Eph 1:7, Col 1:14, Heb 9:12.*

On the Cross, our old sinful nature was put to death with Christ, so that we can overcome sin and live holy lives before God. *Rom 6:1-14.*

On the Cross, and by His stripes, Jesus Christ took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses. Now we have been healed. *Mat 8:16,17, 1Pet 2:24, Is 53:4,5, (Mat 4:23, Mat 9:35, Mat 12:15.*

On the Cross, the power of satan to control us was broken and destroyed, so that we might live in the Holy Spirit of God. *Heb 2:14, 1Jn 3:8, Col 2:15, Col 1:13,14, Rom 8:14, Gal 5:16.*

On the Cross, the works of satan have been destroyed. *1Jn 3:8.*

On the Cross, the power of the anti-God world system was overcome by the Lord Jesus Christ, *Jn 16:33, Gal 6:14, Jn 12:31,* Now we can live in the Kingdom of God and His provision, protection, purposes and power.

On the Cross, Jesus sanctified, and set apart unto God, all who believe in Him, by His Blood. *Heb 13:12.*

On the Cross, the curse of God's Law, *Deut 28:15-68,* was **taken away from us,** *Gal 3:13,14,* so that we can live in the blessing of Abraham, which is the promise of the Holy Spirit by faith.

On the Cross, the judgment and wrath of God upon sin has been removed from us who believe in Jesus Christ, *1Jn 4:10, 1Jn 2:2, Rom 3:25,* so that we might live under the favour of God, in His mercy and grace. *Is 43:4-7, Eph 1:3, Tit 3:5, Pro 10:22, Jer 31:3, Ps 146:8, Heb 4:16, 2Tim 1:2.* ["propitiation" means turning away God's wrath.]

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, three days later, proves that the work of the Cross, was totally effective and complete. *1Cor 15:12-20.*