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Through the Cross Power to Change

I. Death and Life ---two crucial aspects of the cross

Romans 4:25 (NIV®)

²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

A. Power for Freedom

1 Corinthians 1:18 (NIV®)

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but **to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

B. A Total Defeat

Colossians 2:13-15 (NIV®)

¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ **having canceled the written code**, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, **nailing it to the cross.** ¹⁵ And **having disarmed the powers and authorities**, he made a public spectacle of them, **triumphing over them by the cross.**

- ❖ Through the cross, Jesus administered to Satan a total, eternal, irreversible defeat.

C. A Complete Redemption

Romans 8:31-32 (NIV®)

If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

2 Peter 1:3 (NIV®)

³ His divine power has given us **everything we need** for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

- ❖ The outcome/work of the cross is complete, perfect and all encompassing.

II. Through the Cross

A. Information, Awareness & Acceptance

B. Transition from the Legal to the Experiential

John 1:12 (NIV®)

¹² Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave **the right (authority)** to become children of God--

- ❖ **Authority means nothing unless you use it.**

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NIV®)

²³ May God himself, the God of peace, **sanctify you through and through.** May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 17:18-19 (NIV®)

¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

III. Our Journey

A. "My Way"

Isaiah 64:6 (NIV®)

⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean, and **all our righteous acts are like filthy rags**

Luke 18:9-10 (NIV®)

⁹ To some who were confident of **their own righteousness** and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

B. A New Kingdom

1. A Birth

John 3:3 (NIV®)

³ In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

2. A Bath

Romans 6:4 (NIV®)

⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

3. A Meal

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NIV®)

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

IV. For Example ---free from guilt

Romans 8:1-3 (NIV®)

¹ Therefore, **there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,** ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering.

Revelation 1:5 (NIV®)

⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and **has freed us from our sins by his blood,**

1 John 1:7 (NASB®)

⁷ but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Prayer

I testify, personally, as to what the Word of God says the blood of Jesus does for me;
Through the blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil;
Through the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven;
The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, continually cleanses me from all sin;
Through the blood of Jesus I am sanctified, made holy, set apart to God;
My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed by the blood of Jesus;
Therefore, Satan has no place in me, no power over me, through the blood of Jesus.

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