

THE POWER OF THE CROSS

When was the last time outside of the church setting that you reflected on the power of the cross?

Ps.103:2-5 – Praise the LORD, my soul, and **forget not all his benefits** -

- forgives all your sins
- heals all your diseases,
- redeems your life from the pit
- crowns you with love and compassion,
- satisfies your desires with good things

This is the plan for today as we look at the Power of the Cross

Romans 1:16 – I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes...

1 Corinthians 1:18 – For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

So what does the power of cross do in your life?

1. It provides a bridge to God

John 14:6 – “Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me”

John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

2. It provides power for us to live today

Romans 8:11 - But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you. (NAS)

1 Corinthians 15:57 – “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ”

Romans 6:19 – “... For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.”

3. It provides us an eternal heavenly home

1 Corinthians 2:9 – “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him”

2 Corinthians 5:17 – “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

Isaiah 5:14 – Therefore Sheol has enlarged its throat and opened its mouth without measure; And Jerusalem's splendor, her multitude, her din of revelry, and the jubilant within her, descend into it. (NAS)

John 14:2-3 – My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. (NIV)

Galatians 2:20 – “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me. (NAS)