

“God forbid that I should glory save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world” (Galatians 6:14).

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The Cross

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When we say, "the Cross," we do not merely mean the crucifixion of Christ. We mean, the death, the burial, the resurrection, and the ascension to the throne, as well as the glories vested to us believers by way of the Cross. The Cross is not specifically a line of teaching, it is not a department of truth, it is not just another message delivered, *it is the center or hub of all gospel truth*. It is the basis, and the explanation of everything taught. The Apostle Paul says, "I'm determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified"(I Corinthians 2:2). Paul knows nothing save the Cross, and neither should we.

If Leviticus with its myriad of sacrifices, its rivers of blood, means anything, it means that God meets man on but **one** basis, and that is the basis of the Cross. But why does God demand blood and death? Is God sadistic? Even Jesus told the Jews in John 10:17 that, "Therefore does my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it up again." So, God the Father loves the Son, because He lays down His life and dies. Although, this verse is not merely speaking of death, this verse speaks of resurrection as well. Could it be that the only way to resurrection life is through death? This is absolutely true, there is no real life without first the death of the Cross.

Could it be that God the Father has and operates the Cross Himself? I believe we are getting closer to "the deep things of God" and the answer as to why God loves the Cross.

There is, and ever will be a Cross in the heart of God! The "Living" source of the whole universe comes out of a death to God's own self potential of being just for Himself. Therefore, all that we call LIFE is birthed out of a death to the potential of being its opposite. Am I saying that God could have been self-centered and just for Himself? Yes, "everything is possible for God." However, Heb. 6:18 says that "it is impossible for God to lie," and Titus 1:2 says that "God cannot lie." So, if all things are possible for God, but now as the scripture says, "it is impossible for God to lie," then God must have chosen not to be for Himself therefore putting to death the possibility of being a liar. A liar is one who is fearfully and deceitfully protecting himself from being found out. A liar loves darkness rather than light, and a liar is someone who thinks and is being just for himself, and a liar is a self-preserving-self generated out of self-centeredness. The bible says that God "cannot" be that. Therefore God said **NO**, "I will not be for myself, I will be an other-lover; I will take hell for my universe, and I will be a lamb slain." All this took place "before the foundation of the world".

He is the one and only Person in the universe who said "no" to being for Himself and chose the way of the Cross by dying to the potential of self-getting thereby birthing into being His own nature of self-giving love. That is why the bible says that "God is love." He is and cannot be anything but unconditional agape love.

Considering all the above then, then God must have said no to being for Himself and said yes, to being an other lover. Thus the words "cannot" and "impossible" denote that He is forever unchangeable and fixed in that decision. So then, all that God can be is unconditional LOVE. That makes God a safe God, and one who will only do what is love and beneficial for you and one you can trust no matter what befalls you in life.

Personhood means freedom of choice. God did not create humans autonomous, or independent like Himself, He created humans **derivative persons** in His own image out of His infinite freedom with the same capacity of choice. All creation is created to contain and express the Creator. Only persons have that royal capacity of choice between two alternatives. “Will I believe what Satan says and be for myself”, as we all did in Adam, or “will I receive the nature of Christ through Cross and be for others?”

Only persons have choice, plants and animals do not have this royal capacity. They are created as fixed servants without eternal choice yet fulfilling their God given purpose as plants and animals.

Since all life springs out of death, then that is why even nature testifies to this truth. There is hardly a page in the book of nature which fails to emphasize the fact that all life springs out of death. Not a tree, not a blossom, not a shrub, not a fruit, but what cost the death of a seed. Just think of what we eat and what we wear—every plant, every animal which gives up its life, does it to give life to others. Do they do it voluntarily? No, only Jesus can do that. But I must say that there is something deep inside every living thing that knows it is being sacrificed for others, and therefore fulfilling a higher purpose for living.

The Cross is the source all of LIVING transforming power in the universe. Paul says in I Corinthians 1:18 that, “For the preaching of the Cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us which are saved, it is **the power of God.**” The Cross is both the instrument of death as well as the source of all life. There has to be Calvary before there was Pentecost, and there has to be a Cross before there is a crown, for the power of Jesus’ resurrection is birthed out of the slow and agonizing death of the Cross.

Paul proclaims in Romans 8:18 that “the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that **shall be revealed in us.**” This verse means that glory is always on the other side of suffering, and they are opposites ends of the same thing. Consider a common pencil with one end being a point, causing you pain, while the other end is an eraser. All suffering pierces us, but with the eye of faith we can see the glory at the other end and praise God even before He reveals it. My good friend, Helen Overly once said that “Praise removes the fear so faith can step in and declare the victory!”

The Cross of Jesus has put to death all that Satan has stolen and ravished in us through the Fall as well as restored back to us all that was lost in Adam and even more. For by the power of the Cross we are delivered, cleaned, healed, restored, regenerated, redeemed, reconciled, justified, sanctified, and glorified. The metamorphic power of the Cross has transformed us both spiritually and genetically from the old creation, in Adam, to the new creation, in Christ. The Cross delivers us from the powers of darkness in Satan, and translates us into the light kingdom of the Son”(Col. 1:13), that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil; and **deliver them** who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage” (Hebrews 2:14).

In the Cross, all the cause and nature of separation from God was destroyed, and in Christ’s resurrection our restoration and union with God is perfected. The Cross brings us into living union and oneness with God.

The Cross is also the great separator or divider. It is sword of the Spirit which separates the old man (Satan in us) from the new man (Christ in us) (Rom. 6:6); it separates indwelling Sin (Romans 7:17) from Christ who indwells us and is the real us (Galatians 2:20); it discerns the lie from the

truth; and soul thoughts and feelings, from spirit realities; it divides fleshly self-effort from the Spirit walk of faith (Hebrews 4:12); it separates independent-self (who we are not) from the unified self (who we really are) (Rom. 7:17) and on and on.

The Cross's purpose is to separate, then cleanse and restores. What we want to underline is the revelation that the Cross separates us from this world (Gal 6:14); from the misuse of the flesh (Gal. 5:24); from Satan's authority, and his jurisdiction (Col. 2:15). The Cross then reunites mankind to Christ, who is the power of New Life, and regaining man's lost paradise.

As Col. 2:11 says, "We *are* circumcised with the circumcision not made with hands". Since Spiritual circumcision happened at The Cross, then circumcision is working in our lives today. The Cross wields death to what is not (false fleshly realities), and life to what is (all that we are in Christ).

The Cross is the intercessory principle that we walk by, for Jesus told us to "take up our Cross and follow him" (Matthew 16:24). He also told us if any man does not bear His Cross he cannot be His disciple (Luke 14:27). Pretty strong, but it shows the seriousness of operating the Cross in our daily lives, instead of walking in the ways and tensions of the flesh which lead to death.

"You are dead," so the bible declares to us in Colossians 3:3--your life is hid with Christ in God. Consider yourself dead to the misuse of your bodily members Colossians goes on to declare. Stop lying...stop declaring the lie about yourself. Know that you have already put off the "old man" with his deeds. That happened at the Cross. Did you hear that! You have already died and put off the deeds of the flesh. Consider it so, because according to your faith you are made whole. But also consider it true that you have already put on the "New Man" who is renewed after the image of Him who

created you. You are whole, complete, and lacking nothing. That is what the Cross has done for you.

The shortest distance between two points is a straight line. The shortest distance to the road full of glory is also a straight line. It is when we walk right straight through our pain and suffering, that we can discover resurrection glory on the other side. Yet we tend to avoid it, fear it, fight it, or fake it, instead. Therefore, if you dare embrace your pain, your negatives, and your crosses, you will discover that the power of the positive is hidden in the negative. You will also discover that the way to glory is through suffering (Romans 8:18). And as we embrace the pain, our obedience of faith will lead to the victory promised to us by our Lord.

The Finished work of the Cross

Most Christians are either living in the regrets of the past, or longing for a future event that will relieve them of all their misery. There is so much said about the blessed event of the second coming of Christ, I love thinking about it as well, however, I'm not living longing for Him to come in order to escape my unpleasant circumstances. I'm having too much fun finding Jesus' abundant Life right in the midst of my unpleasant circumstances, to want to escape them. "Abundant Life" to me is Jesus as me by faith discovering a thrilling adventure and the joy and privilege of being a "living sacrifice" for others.

Most Christians think that "abundant life" means that when all is going well in our lives in some outer successful way, then we will have "abundant life." On the contrary, "abundant life," means in whatever state we find ourselves in, His life is there to provide abundantly for us and as us. Until we find joy and peace, instead of self-pity and escapism in where we are

right now, we will never know “the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings” (Phil. 3:10).

The point is that most of us don’t know how we can experience present tense satisfaction and completeness. We are always looking forward to another time when things will be better, or regretting the past with all of our pitiful “IF ONLY”S” thoughts.

The question is, have we Christians even heard the, “Rest of the Gospel?” My good friend, Dan Stone wrote a book called, *The Rest of the Gospel*.¹ Dan’s excellent book clearly reveals the truths concerning Paul’s Romans epistle which proclaims that we are delivered daily by the indwelling resurrected life of Christ within us (Romans 5:10), and how by faith, we can know this abundant life of Christ right now.

The answer lies in the full meaning of the Cross of Christ. What is the meaning of the Cross? The infinite depths and unfathomable riches of the Cross will forever be discovered and rediscovered though-out all eternity. However, we will do our bit to bring to light some of its riches.

The Bible in Colossians 1:20-22 declares that there are two aspects of the Cross. It says, “Having made peace through the *blood* of His Cross, by Him, reconcile all things unto Himself.” Then in verse 22, “In the *body* of His flesh through death to present *you* holy and unblameable and unproveable in His sight.” Also, the book of Romans unfolds to us its revelation of the blood and the body. The first 5 chapters presents to us salvation by faith and the forgiveness of our sins by the *blood* of Christ (Romans 3:25; 5:9). While, Romans 6-8 presents the provision of the *bodily* death and resurrection (Romans 7:4).

The blood of Christ satisfied God’s justice, while the body death of Christ satisfies us with the power of His resurrected life daily saving us from sin’s dominion. “Much more (certainly), now that we are reconciled, that we

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shall be saved (daily delivered from sins' dominion) through His (resurrection) life" (Romans 5:10-Amp.).

Let us now consider both the *blood*, as well as the *body* of Christ. We will look at the blood side first. Our God meets us in our fallen and blinded condition and offers us the provision of His precious blood for the forgiveness of our *sins*. Sins in the unbeliever are the action or outer manifestation of a sinful satanic nature. Yet, we are so blinded and outer minded, at this point, that all we can recognize is our outer sins, and have no clue to the inner condition producing these sins. We don't know and cannot see that it is really a spirit manifesting itself through us producing the very sins we are seeing (Eph. 2:2-3). All we know is that, "I have sinned; I am guilty of sin; I need forgiveness; I need a Savior," and rightly so, we are guilty sinners, and we are in need of a Savior. I see the wisdom of God in not revealing the secrets of sins hidden producer too soon. If sinners knew that it was Satan producing sin through them, then they might try to justify themselves and try to sidestep true heart repentance which would be fatal.

The New Covenant is based on the death of the "testator;" "For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is only in effect after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth." (Hebrews 9:16-17) Therefore, "without the shedding of the *blood*" (*the death* of Jesus Christ), there is no remission for sins (Hebrews 9:22).

The Bible proclaims that "we have redemption through his *blood*, the have the forgiveness of sins" (Eph. 1:7); we have peace with God, "through the *blood* of his Cross" (Col. 1:20); we are elect through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ" (I Peter 1:2); we are redeemed by "the precious blood of Christ" (I Peter 1:19); we are cleansed daily by, "the blood Jesus Christ" (I John 1:7); and we are "washed from our sins in His own blood" (Rev. 1:5).

Now, we sing a new song unto our God "for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy *blood* out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God, kings and priest; and we shall reign on the earth" (Rev. 9-10).

So, there is saving power and deliverance in the *blood* of Christ for the forgiveness of our *sins*. Many Christian songs are written with the blood of Jesus in mind, one that comes to my mind, and is one of my personal favorites: "*There is Power in the Blood.*" Yet, has there ever been a song written called, "There is Power in the Body Death?" Or, has much at all been taught on the "*Body Death?*" I believe the reason that not much has been written is because the meaning of the *bodily death of Christ* is hardly known nor understood by the Christian world.

Just consider the communion table for a moment...There is wine representing Christ's blood, and then there is bread representing Christ's body. We are taught truth concerning the blood (wine), but hardly ever do you hear teaching on the body (bread) of Christ.

The importance of the bodily death of Christ is that the body death delivers us from the nature and power of sin that is, Satan, the one producing sins through us. We were all born with a self-centered satanic nature, Christ's bodily death delivers us from indwelling sin which is Satan. The blood of Christ covers the *product* of sin, which are sins; while the body death replaces the *producer* of sin.

The Bible declares you are "*dead to sin.*" Dead to sin? When and how did we die to sin? First of all, we need to understand what the word, "SIN" means from the Bible's perspective. E. W. Bullinger, a Greek scholar and theologian, says that "sin is not merely however, the quality of an action, but a principle manifesting itself in the activity of the subject, "The man of sin," (II Thes. 2:3) being the personal embodiment of sin." Sin in Romans 6-8 and II Corinthians 5:21 is rendered a noun and is therefore a person.

In Genesis 4:6-7, the Lord addresses Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at the door; it desires to have you, but you must master it." Here again sin is personified. The NIV study Bible says: "The Hebrew word for crouching is the same as an ancient Babylonian word referring to an evil demon crouching at the door of a building to threaten the people inside. Sin may thus be pictured here as just such a demon, waiting to pounce on Cain—it desires to have him." The Genesis 4:7 word "*Sin* crouching at the door," is therefore synonymous with the word "*sin*" in Romans 6-8—it is a personified noun, and different from the word, "sins" which is the very action of the person.

Let us address the question, what and how did we die to sin? We must first understand what it means to be "in Christ." Who is "in Christ?" Every born again Christian is officially in union with Christ and He in union with us (John 14:20).

The Bible says that all born again people were in union with Christ as God the Father reconciled the world unto himself (II Corinthians 5:19). All born again believers were "in Christ" at His crucifixion, we were "in Christ" when he was buried, we were "in Christ" when He came out of the grave, and we are "in Christ" as He was enthroned Lord of Heaven; Lord of earth; Lord of the Cross; Lord of the grave; Lord of Hell; Lord of resurrection, and Lord over His ascended position far above all principalities and powers, and finally we are "in Christ" as He is crowned Lord of all. Do we really get it, how can we grasp such a high and lofty and awesome inheritance? Just receive it as a little child, don't try to understand it. Spirit understanding gradually comes after our obedience of faith, but never before faith. Simply receive it, and it is yours.

Since we were in Christ at his crucifixion, then what happened at the Cross? II Corinthians 5:21 says, "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

God the Father made Christ Jesus, sin, in our stead, in order that we might be made the righteousness of God. Christ did the work of the Cross in history, in order that we might simply receive and appropriate the benefits of that finished work, and by the miracle of the Holy Spirit, know that we know, that we know.

How could the Son of God be made sin, and why? And what does it mean, "He was made sin?" The sacrificial Lamb of God was made what we humans became through Adam's Fall. We, through the fall, are all sin-soaked, satanic-indwelt humanity (Eph. 2:2-3). Jesus was made Satan-indwelt humanity at the Cross, in order that we might be made Christ-indwelt humanity. It was an exchange of natures.

Think about this: Why the body of Christ? A body was a vessel, or the dwelling place for a spirit, and a medium by which the spirit manifests itself. Through the Fall, all of mankind became saturated with the Satan's spirit, that is; in our spirit, in our soul and in our bodies. God poured Satan's spirit into Jesus' body, for "He was made sin, root and fruit."

Is this offensive to you? We don't like to think of Jesus like that. But love deems it necessary, because a deliverer has to be like the ones he is to deliver. Animal sacrifices couldn't take away sin, nor deliver the person in bondage. It took a sinless human to deliver the human race, and only the perfect man, Jesus, the son of God, who is God Himself, be the one.

We need to understand what death means from the biblical standpoint. Death does not mean annihilate, it means separation. When your spirit separates from your body, you are dead. Your spirit goes one place and your body another. When Jesus died, his Spirit/soul went to Hades while his body was still in the tomb. The day Jesus died all of humanity was separated from their hellish bondages as well as sins deadly consequences (Rom. 6:2). The satanic spirit left Jesus' body and He died. Jesus had beforehand prophesied in John 12:31, "*Now* is the judgment of this world, *now* shall the prince of this world be cast out." Cast out of what,

or who? When the sin soaked spirit of Satan departed from Jesus—sin and death were defeated and Satan’s reign and dominion in mankind was conquered. Yet, Christ’s death was not enough to completely restore us as “New Creatures.” There had to be more.

Why am I using the word, “Hades” instead of Hell? Bible students know well that Hades is the Old Testament’s place of waiting for both the righteous as well as the unrighteous. According to the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31), Hades, being the same word as the Hebrew word “Sheol,” is the place provided for the dead before Christ resurrection and ascension. According to the parable there was “a great gulf fixed” dividing the abode of the saved and the lost. One side is where the believers rested in peace and found comfort in Abraham’s bosom, while on the other side, the unsaved live in the hellish torment.

The day that Christ died, Jesus went to this place called “Hades,” to do two things: First to show all principalities and powers that His death had triumphed and spoiled their claim on mankind, and to openly mock Satan for his attempt to destroy the Son of God, demonstrating that the very attempt was Christ’s trump card to destroy Satan’s power of death over mankind (Col. 2:15 & Heb. 2:14).

Secondly, Jesus went to “Hades” to raise Abraham with all his believing “seed” to heaven prepared for them. Ephesians 4:8-10 says, “When He ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things.” Our champion and King Christ Jesus, Himself opened the Heavenly Gates ushering the Old Testament believers into the very presence of God.

But wait a minute, let us go back to the tomb before the resurrection: according to the scriptures, you and I as well as all redeemed mankind, both past, present, and future are still in Jesus’ body in the tomb—it/we were

dead, and buried. Through Jesus' death we are now released from Satan's "spirit of error," but unless Jesus is raised from the dead, we will remain dead with Him, in the tomb. The glory of our Salvation is in the strength of Christ' resurrection. By the power of God's (Shekinah) Glory the Spirit released Jesus from Hades (Acts 2:27) and the Holy Spirit raised His dead body from the tomb, and we with Him. Jesus couldn't get himself out of hell, but praise the Lord, "Christ was raised up from the dead by the Glory of the Father" (Romans 6:4) and all the "world" with him (II Cor. 5:19).

This one Divine sacrifice has birthed into being a new species of beings—*"As sons of God, begotten by Him, incorporating into their fundamental being and nature the very "genes" of God, they rank above all other created beings and are elevated to the most sublime height possible short of becoming members of the Trinity itself. Although, Christ is the unique and only begotten Eternal Son, yet He does not retain His glory for Himself alone for He has declared, "The glory which thou gavest me, I have given them" (John 17:22). Therefore, the redeemed will share His glory, His rulership, and His dominion as truly responsible princes of the Realm.*"²

Personal Benefits of the Cross

We will now look at the benefits of the Cross of Christ: The blood delivers from sins, and the crucified body delivers us from the nature/producer of sin.

What are the benefits of trusting in the blood of Christ? *The forgiveness of sins*, "We have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins;" *Reconciliation*, "Peace through the blood of His Cross,

² Destined for the Throne; by Paul Billheimer

by Him to reconcile all things;" *Justification*, "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; Whom God had set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood;" *Peace with God*, "Being justified by faith we have peace with God;" *Being born again*, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the word of God;" *Redemption*-I Peter 1:19 says, "Forasmuch as you know that you were not *redeemed* with corruptible things as silver and gold from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ as of a lamb without blemish and without spot;" *Full assurance*, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day;"

What is gained for us through Christ's body Death? *We are dead to the "old nature"* (NAS says, "old Self"). "We know that our old unregenerate self was nailed to the Cross with Him in order that (our) body (which is the instrument) of sin, might be made ineffective and inactive for evil, that we might no longer be the slaves of sin. For when a man dies, he is freed (loosed, delivered) from (the power of) sin" (Romans 6:6-Amp.). Once for all we are dead to Satan's reign in our spirit, soul and bodies. The marriage with Satan has been broken through the death of the Cross, and now we are married to Christ (Romans 7:4). We used to be Mrs. Satan, and now we are Mrs. Christ.

We are "dead to sin!" "How can we who died to sin live in it any longer? Are you ignorant of the fact that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death" (Romans 6:2-3 Amp.)? Through Christ's death we are dead to Satan's self centered nature therefore dead to sin.

We are "dead to the law!" "Likewise, my brethren, you have undergone death as to the Law through the (crucified) body of Christ, so that now you may belong to another, to Him Who was raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit" (Romans 7:4—Amp.). The Law has power over

a person as long as he thinks he is alive with a life of his own and he ought to function by his own self-sufficiency. If we falsely think this way, we are still married to Satan's lies. However, if we see that a dead person has no ability to keep the law, because he is dead, then we are ready to know that we are joined to Christ's Spirit who is our new husband and He will produce Spiritual fruit through us.

What is gained for us through Christ's resurrected body? *We are alive to righteousness*, "Having been set free from sin, we are slaves to righteousness" (Romans 6:18). A slave cannot do his own thing, he is enslaved to his master. A person called me on the phone saying, "I can't go on trying to be a good Christian, it doesn't work, so I've decided to become a sinner again." Then she went on to say, "So, I tried to be a sinner, but I couldn't. Why is that?" I said back to her, you couldn't become a sinner because you are married to Mr. Righteousness, and He keeps you from it.

We have a divine nature! He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape from the moral decay and corruption that is in the world because of covetousness and "become partakers of the divine nature" (II Peter 1:4 Amp.). We do not have our own nature, but we have inherited the nature of Christ, which is divine.

We have a new identity! "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" (Galatians 2:20). I used to identify myself as just me, but now I don't live, Christ lives as me. I am Christ as me.

We are completely, made whole! "For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form (giving complete expression of the divine nature). And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life (in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit and reach full Spiritual stature" (Colossians 2:9-10—Amp.). We know our completeness in Christ when we know our

nothingness in ourselves--A perfect nothing containing and expressing the perfect all.

We are cleansed from a sin-consciousness! "Christ has offered himself as an unblemished sacrifice to God, purify our conscious from dead works and lifeless observances to serve the (ever) living God?" "The worshipers had once for all been cleansed, and would no longer have any guilt or consciousness of sin" (Hebrews 9:14; Hebrews 10:2—Amp.). Since we are dead to the law, then we no longer have a sin-consciousness. "The power of sin is the law" (1 Corinthians 15:56). Sin has dominion over an alive man full of his own works, because he is functioning independently from the Spirit. But sin has no power when we know that we are joined to Christ. As a result, our consciousness is cleansed from obsessing over our failures and sins.

The Cross is the power of God, the means for transformation, and the only way for walking in victory in our daily lives. Love it, embrace it, and know the perfect ways of God.