

The Cross Changes Everything

The spectacle of Golgotha stands center stage  for men and angels, demons, and principalities and powers in all ages. What happened outside the gate of Jerusalem 2,000 years ago is still unfolding. The cross is a spiritual mission in natural history creating a human spectacle of supernatural achievement. The absolute completeness of Jesus' atoning work was done according to non-negotiable conditions of righteousness that issues a personal invitation to each of us and has a totally practical application!

In the cosmic spectacle that shocked the natural world and turned the spirit world on its ear, Jesus won the greatest battle in history—the battle to redeem men's souls from darkness. In the shadow of the cross we see full light. In the cross we see God in all of His glory (see John 12:23-27): “But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world” (Gal. 6:14).

Humanly speaking, all thought of suffering and death is repulsive. Jesus agonized in Gethsemane and submitted Himself to death on the cross. Life for the world was born through His suffering. His suffering began in the womb of the virgin. Christ took off His garment of glory and clothed Himself in

the weakness of an
ordinary human. He was disbelieved, accused, abused and
rejected. He constantly
experienced men's distance from God, and it grieved Him day
after day. He went
hungry and thirsty, and was weary and without a home of His
own. His suffering made
way for His glory. The cross gives us a glimpse into glory
that is otherwise
utterly hidden from our natural understanding.

Before you ever prayed your first prayer, uttered your first
cry
at injustice, felt your first longing for God, felt your first
sigh of despair,
He already answered. God heard you at Calvary, and He answered
you completely
there. All your losses were compensated there. Consolation for
every injury of
body and mind is in Him there. Provision for every loss and
healing for all
disease is unleashed in His body on the cross.

There is justice, there is liberation; relief from
torment is there. There is wonder-working power in His blood.
That power is the glory of the Father as He abides in us to
minister by His
Holy Spirit. The Comforter has come. He descends upon the Lamb
and fills the
empty place: "Before they call I will answer; while they are
yet speaking I
will hear" (Is. 65:24).

Human injustice and suffering, oppression
and disease are all evidence that we live in an imperfect
world: "For the
creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because
of Him who

subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom. 8:20-21).

But now the blood answers, and God creates all things new. Our perfect Father has made the way for the return of His glory. His Spirit comes to renew the face of the earth. The blood of Christ is fresh and living. It builds the bridge between the imperfections of this realm and the perfection of heaven.

The blood speaks. It answers the heart cry of your soul and brings you to His glorious liberty. The power of resurrection is unleashed, and we are out of our graves. The blood goes before us and we come along the ruddy road following in the footsteps of the crucified one who loves us and gave Himself so that we might find our way to where He is.

The blood comes along, cleaning up behind us and leaving no trace of anything but glory. The mystery of miracles is the dual enfolding by the blood and of the Spirit. This is the gift of the children of God. With Him nothing is too difficult. No future is too bleak, no failure too far, no vengeance too strong, no suffering too great, no violence too brutal that He cannot prevail for you. And He does. This is the time for glory.

A mother brought her daughter to us. The daughter had been violently abused to the point that the trauma could have shattered her

irrevocably in mind and body. When she came for prayer, I (Mahesh) waited until I sensed the glory of the healer was there. Jesus is the re-creator. When He does His work, He can finish it in an instant.

As

I sensed Him present to heal, I was aware that the mender of hearts arose.

Jesus the mediator stood between us. He stood between her and everything else.

Christ was between her and her pain, between her and the violence, between her and the memory of her trauma, between her and all that had happened, between her and the past and its shattered future.

Christ

stood in those broken-down places and began building up the gap in her wall.

Her countenance changed. The shadow moved from over her heart.

As His light

began to shine from inside out, it was but a few moments before joy filled her heart!

Within a week she contacted us and exclaimed, "This week has been the best week of my entire life!" Before the young woman called, Christ had answered from Calvary: "It is finished!"

This is the testimony of power in

the cross that releases the Spirit to heal what is broken and resurrect the

dead. Before we call, God answers in His Son. Step into Him more fully today.

His provision is as glorious as it is precious. And it is as precious as it is

made fresh by His blood. He makes us the partakers. He makes us whole. He makes us His healers.

The cross changes everything. In the cross is full light that turns even the darkest hour into the most glorious display of God's perfect love and mercy. The cross is the epicenter of glory!

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