

The Power of the Cross

Overview: The cross is a symbol that for over 2000 years, to me, represents **Surrender**. For a lot of people it means finally giving in after you tried a number of times. On the other hand it has a positive response. It means **Jesus** has died for your sins, He was **resurrected** and now **lives** in us. Let us focus on Jesus and the Cross.

A. The Power of the Cross

1. **Rom 6:6** And we know that our old being has been put to death with Christ on his **cross**, in order that the **power** of the sinful self might be destroyed, **so that we should no longer be the slaves of sin.**
2. **1Jn 3:8** He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.**
3. **1Co 1:18** For the message about Christ's death on **the cross** is nonsense to those who are being lost; but for us who are being saved it is **God's power.**
4. **2Co 13:4** For even though it was in weakness that he was put to death on **the cross**, it is by **God's power** that he lives. In union with him we also are weak; but in our relations with you we shall share **God's power** in his life.
5. **Col 2:15** And on that **cross** Christ freed himself from the **power** of the spiritual rulers and authorities; he made a public spectacle of them by leading them as captives in his victory procession.
6. **Rom 8:11** But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

B. The Power of the Cross: It Sets Us Free

1. **Eph 1:7** For by the blood of Christ we are set **free**, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God, **GNB**
2. **Joh 8:36** Therefore if the Son makes you **free**, you shall be **free** indeed.
3. **Rom 8:1** *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me **free** from the law of sin and death.
4. **Rom 6:22** But now having been set **free** from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.
5. **Joh 8:32** And you shall know the **truth**, and the **truth** shall make you **free.**"

C. The Power of the Cross: It's Our Salvation

1. **Luk 19:9** And Jesus said to him, "Today **salvation** has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham;
2. **Joh 4:22** You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, **for salvation is of the Jews.**
3. **Act 4:10** let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of

Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.

Act 4:11 This is the 'STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED BY YOU BUILDERS, WHICH HAS BECOME THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE.'

Act 4:12 Nor is there **salvation** in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

4. **Rom 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the **power of God** to **salvation** for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.
5. **Rom 10:9** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
Rom 10:10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth Confession is made unto **salvation**.
6. **Rev 19:1** After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! **Salvation** and glory and honor and power *belong* to the Lord our God!

D. The Power of the Cross: It's the Love of Jesus

1. **Joh 3:16** For God so **loved** the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
2. **Mat 5:44** But I say to you, **love** your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,
3. **Joh 15:13** Greater **love** has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.
4. **Rom 5:8** But God demonstrates His own **love** toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us...

E. The Power of the Cross: He's Worthy to be Praised

1. **Psa 18:1** I will love You, O LORD, my strength.
Psa 18:2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
Psa 18:3 I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.
2. **Col 1:10** that you may walk **worthy** of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
3. **1Th 2:12** that you would walk **worthy** of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.
4. **Rev 5:12** saying with a loud voice: "**Worthy** is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

F. The Power of the Cross: His Word is Power

1. **Joh 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2. **Isa 54:17** No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue *which* rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their righteousness *is* from Me," Says the LORD.
3. **Heb 1:3** He reflects the brightness of God's glory and is the exact likeness of God's own being, sustaining the universe with his powerful **word**. After achieving forgiveness for the sins of all human beings, he sat down in heaven at the right side of God, the Supreme **Power**. **GNB**