

The Cross

Overview: This is really where Christianity starts. It started at the Cross. The Cross is where we begin our journey. The Cross is the focal point. The core of the Cross is God's love for us.

A. Surrender

Webster's dictionary says:

1. To yield to the power of another; to give or deliver up possession upon compulsion or demand; as, to **surrender** one's person to an enemy, or to commissioners of bankrupt; to **surrender** a fort or a ship. [To **surrender** up is not elegant.]
2. To yield; to give up; to resign in favor of another; as, to **surrender** a right or privilege; to surrender a place or an office.
3. give yourselves to God
4. you must now surrender yourselves
5. **Luk 14:33** So then, any of you who does not forsake (renounce, surrender claim to, give up, say good-bye to) all that he has cannot be My disciple. AMPC
6. **Rom 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the Gospel (good news) of *Christ*, for it is God's power working unto salvation [*for deliverance from eternal death*] to everyone who believes with a personal trust *and* a confident surrender *and* firm reliance, to the Jew first and also to the Greek, AMPC
7. **Rom 6:16** Do you not know that if you continually surrender yourselves to anyone to do his will, you are the slaves of him whom you obey, whether that be to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience which leads to righteousness (right doing and right standing with God)? AMPC

Rom 6:13 GNB

Rom 6:19 GNB

B. Forgiveness

1. God so loved the world He gave His **only** begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him...
2. The first Forgiveness scripture in the Bible
3. He is a Forgiving God
4. We need to forgive
5. We sow forgiveness, we reap forgiveness
6. Forgive and you shall be forgiven.
7. If you confess your known sins, He forgives you of all your sins.
8. **Eph 4:2** Living as becomes you] with complete lowliness of mind (humility) and meekness (unselfishness, gentleness, mildness), with patience, bearing with one another *and* making allowances because you love one another.

Joh 3:16

Gen 50:17

Psa 86:4,5

Matt 6:14,15

Luk 6:37

1 Joh 1:9

C. Obedience

1. **Joh 15:10** If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.
Joh 15:11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My Joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.
2. **Joh 14:15** If you [really] **love** Me, you will keep (**obey**) My commands. AMPC
3. **Col 1:4** For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus [the leaning of your entire human personality on Him in absolute

- trust and confidence in His **power**, wisdom, and goodness]
and of the **love** which you [have and show] for all the saints
(God's consecrated ones), **AMPC**
4. **Php 2:5** Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
Php 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
Php 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
Php 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
 5. **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.
 6. **Eph 4:2** Living as becomes you] with complete lowliness of mind (humility) and meekness (unselfishness, gentleness, mildness), with patience, bearing with one another *and* making allowances because you love one another.

D. 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.
7. **Rom 8:16** The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
Rom 8:17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.