

CONNECT TO THE REALITY OF THE CROSS



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Dear Partner,

As a Christian, your reality should be a portrayal of Jesus Christ's finished work on the Cross. **If your reality is not reflecting victory in every situation, then it is not a reflection of the Cross.** A lot of times we experience failure and defeat because we have lost sight of the real truth. Having allowed man-made doctrines and self-help books to infiltrate the church and become substitutes for the gospel of Jesus Christ and Him crucified. The world is expected to turn to other things, but not the church.

To some extent, we are experiencing the same thing the Apostle Paul experienced in the book of Galatians. After he went around preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ on the cross to the churches, they allowed men to come in and introduce other doctrines. Paul called these doctrines "perverted gospel" because they excluded the cross. And that's somewhat what has happened in the church today. We preach faith, faith, faith; but not the Cross. Or we preach healing or grace, but we leave the Cross out. Without the Cross, none of these doctrines can stand. **As Christians, all that we believe and everything that anchors us is based on what Jesus Christ did for us on the Cross.**

One of the problems is that both, the world and the church, are constantly looking for something new. Never completely satisfied with what we have; we go from movement to movement and when that movement becomes old, we move on to the next. This is why the church has lost out on so many miracles and manifestations; because we have the answer right in front of our faces but still choose to go another way.

If all of Christianity rests on the fact that Jesus Christ was crucified on the Cross, why would it be left out in our preaching and teaching? Could it be because we misinterpret the Cross as a place of defeat, instead of a place of victory? There's nothing appealing about our Savior, Jesus Christ being beaten and crucified at the hands of His enemies; but you need to realize one thing: **Jesus did not lose at the Cross. He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with His stripes we are healed** [Isa. 53:5]. He did it for you and me. That's the reality of the Cross and my goal is to help you **stay connected** to this reality. You must understand this because what you don't understand can never become your reality.

If you don't know that Jesus has given you **power to tread over serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you**; Luke 10:19 will not be your reality. If you don't know that sin no longer has dominion over you, sin *will* have dominion over you. If you need healing in your body, but you don't know that by His stripes you *are* healed, you will remain sick. **The Cross was not just a wooden beam; but the fulfillment of God's plan to restore His children back to their rightful position.** A position where everything that He had originally intended for us would freely be given to us.

It was the great exchange: where Jesus took our place so that we could take His. If you read the gospels, you will see the power and authority Jesus operated in while He was on the earth. Raising the dead, healing the sick, and all of His other miraculous deeds were just to show us how we would be able to live once He died on the Cross. Don't you see that He did it all just to give you the ability to do those same things?

Jesus proclaimed in John 19:30, **"It is Finished,"** because the plan for God to make us just like Jesus was accomplished. When something is finished, there is no going back. Your ability to have authority and reign in this life cannot be undone. That should be your everyday reality. The victory for any situation that tries to arise in your life is already yours! You cannot lose! You cannot be stopped! You have power over sin! You can live a righteous and sanctified life! The Cross makes all of this possible! No matter what anybody ever says or does, it **cannot** change this!

Even Satan knows he can't stop it, so he tries to corrupt it and keep you ignorant of its value. So don't make that mistake. Don't allow any other gospel to distort your reality. **If it doesn't include the Cross, it doesn't matter.** When you recognize how important it is to stay connected to the reality of the cross; deliverance, manifestation, and miracles will become the norm in your life. Also, the Holy Spirit will begin to move like never before because He will see that you respect what brought Him here.

One day as I was meditating, I had a vision. I saw a big Cross over my house and it was dripping blood over my house. I was then catapulted by the Spirit to my church, and that same Cross was dripping blood over my church. Next, I saw that Cross dripping blood over all of my children's houses. And the spirit of the Lord said to me, *"Everybody connected to you, that cross and the blood is dripping over their houses as well."*

Partner! That cross is dripping over your house today to give you whatever it is that you may need. If it's deliverance that you need, it is possible. If it's healing that you need, it is possible. If it is freedom from financial struggle that you need, it is possible. I know that we are getting close to Resurrection Sunday, but don't just apply this to your life during the month of April. The reality of what Jesus did for you on the cross applies throughout your whole time here on the earth. **Stay connected to the reality of the cross and experience God's infinite possibilities in your life!**

In His service

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