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Through the Cross A New Beginning

I. Death and Life

Romans 4:25 (NIV®)

²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

A. Crucifixion

Romans 5:6 (NASB®)

⁶ For while we were still helpless, at the right time **Christ died for the ungodly.**

B. Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:17 (NASB®)

¹⁷ ... and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

2 Corinthians 5:15 (NASB®)

¹⁵ ... and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and **rose again on their behalf.**

Cross = crucifixion and resurrection

II. Outcome of the Cross

A. Power Up ---made alive!

2 Timothy 3:5 (NIV®)

⁵ ... **having a form of godliness but denying its power.** Have nothing to do with them.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NIV®)

¹ But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God--

⁵ **having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.**

1 Corinthians 1:18 (NIV®)

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but **to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

1 Corinthians 1:23-24 (NASB®)

²³ ... but **we preach Christ crucified**, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ **the power of God** and the wisdom of God.

Romans 1:16 (NIV®)

¹⁶ I am not ashamed of the gospel, because **it is the power of God** for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

B. A Total Defeat

Colossians 2:13-15 (NIV®)

¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

❖ Through the cross, Jesus administered to Satan a total, eternal, irreversible defeat.

C. A Complete Redemption

Romans 8:31-32 (NIV®)

If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

2 Peter 1:3 (NIV®)

³ His divine power has given us **everything we need** for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

III. Approaching the Cross

Matthew 27:39-43 (NIV®)

³⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. ⁴² "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him." ⁴³ He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

Luke 23:34-43 (NIV®)

³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." ³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." ³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

IV. Through the Cross

Colossians 1:19-20 (NIV®)

¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Prayer

Almighty God, I come to You in humility ---I need Your mercy. I cannot bring freedom and deliverance to myself. I lay aside my attempts and accept Your provision for my life. Forgive me of my sin as I forgive those who sin against me. I choose to live that Jesus may be honored through my life, I receive Him as Lord of all that I am. I rejoice that in Christ I am free of guilt and shame. I am a child of the Living God. May Jesus name be praised, amen.

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