



I. Outcome of the Cross — 3 specific outcomes

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.

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.**

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, **nauling 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.

❖ The outcome/work of the cross is complete, perfect and all encompassing.

II. The Transition from the Legal to the Experiential

John 1:12 (NIV®)

¹² Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave **the right (authority)** to become children of God--

❖ Authority means nothing unless you use it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NIV®)

²³ May God himself, the God of peace, **sanctify you through and through**. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 17:18-19 (NIV®)

¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

III. The Gospel is not Cheap

A. We do not “choose” Jesus, we surrender to Him.

Mark 8:34-35 (NASB®)

³⁴ And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. ³⁵ "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

B. A Command to Obedience

1 John 3:23 (NIV®)

²³ And **this is his command**: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.

❖ we do not choose Jesus, we choose obedience

Acts 10:42 (NIV®)

⁴² **He commanded us to preach to the people** and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

1 Timothy 6:13-14 (NASB®)

¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, ¹⁴ that **you keep the commandment without stain or reproach** until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Matthew 1:24 (NIV®)

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

Matthew 17:9 (NASB®)

⁹ As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead."

Luke 8:29 (NASB®)

²⁹ For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had seized him many times; and he was bound with chains and shackles and kept under guard, and yet he would break his bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.

C. A Principle: Crucifixion precedes Resurrection

Philippians 3:10-12 (NIV®)

¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

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