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## Through the Cross A Deliverance

### I. Of Primary Importance

Galatians 6:14 (NIV®)

<sup>14</sup> **May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ**, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

1 Corinthians 2:1-2 (NIV®)

<sup>1</sup> When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. <sup>2</sup> For **I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.**

### II. Why Does it Matter?

#### A. Spiritual Reality

1. There is a God and He is Sovereign over all

Genesis 1:1 (NIV®)

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Revelation 22:12-13 (NIV®)

<sup>12</sup> "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Hebrews 11:6-7 (NASB®)

<sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, **for he who comes to God must believe that He is** and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

2. He is holy, a God of justice and mercy

Isaiah 6:3 (NIV®)

<sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

Psalms 33:5 (NIV®)

<sup>5</sup> The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

3. Satan exists and he rules a kingdom

Luke 10:17-18 (NIV®)

<sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." <sup>18</sup> He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

4. Satan opposes the purposes and people of God

Genesis 3:1 (NIV®)

<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

Daniel 6:10-11 (NIV®)

<sup>10</sup> Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. <sup>11</sup> Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.

Matthew 2:16 (NIV®)

<sup>16</sup> When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

2 Corinthians 10:5 (KJV®)

<sup>5</sup> Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;**

Ephesians 6:12 (NIV®)

<sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

## 5. We have a sinful nature, if not addressed will result in destruction

Romans 8:8 (NIV®)

<sup>8</sup> Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

Romans 7:21-25 (NIV®)

<sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God's law; <sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. <sup>24</sup> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God--through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

## 6. Kingdom change, the only resolution

John 3:3 (NIV®)

<sup>3</sup> In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

## 7. Through the Cross

Colossians 1:19-23 (NIV®)

<sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation-- <sup>23</sup> if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

## B. The Specifics

1. Jesus was punished that I might be forgiven.
2. Jesus suffered physically that I might be healed.
3. Jesus was made sin with my sinfulness that I might be made righteous with His righteousness.
4. Jesus died my death that I might share His life.
5. Jesus was made a curse that I might receive the blessing.
6. Jesus endured my poverty that I might share His abundance.
7. Jesus bore my shame that I might share His glory.
8. Jesus endured my rejection that I might have His acceptance.
9. My Adamic nature was crucified in Him that the new man might come to life in me.

## Prayer

Almighty God, You are holy and righteous in all things. Your plans and purposes are perfect in every way. Grant me a revelation of Your majesty and glory. My desire is to be pleasing in Your sight, to serve my Lord ---Jesus of Nazareth. Direct my steps toward the pathways You have chosen for me. Deliver me from all the plans of the evil one. Through my life may You be glorified, amen.

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