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## Part 1 | THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CROSS

**Genesis 3:15** states, *And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.* This was a declaration of war against Satan—to reclaim God’s Covenant promise of salvation and the deliverance from the bondage of sin. From the very beginning, God’s plan was not only to forgive Sin, but to crush the power behind it! Through the Cross, forgiveness was secured and humanity’s broken relationship with the Father was fully restored, destroying the deceiver’s grip on mankind. (Colossians 2:14-15)

**1 John 3:8** ...*The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.* The original Greek for “destroy” is to loosen, undo, or break up. Jesus came to untangle every chain (to set captives free!), to break the power of every curse, and undo every lie the of enemy.

**John 19:30** *When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.* The phrase “It is finished” (Greek: Tetelestai) was a word used in Jesus’ time to declare something as completed, accomplished, and paid in full — when a debt was fully settled or a mission was successfully completed. Jesus’ sacrifice sealed the victory for ALL ETERNITY!

Hebrews 12:2 *For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and (victoriously) sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

### 1. Jesus willingly gave His life on the Cross FOR our sins.

- Isaiah 53:4-6 (AMP) *Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But He was wounded (pierced through) for our transgressions (it implies willful disobedience), He was bruised (crushed) for our iniquities (It refers to the internal, moral corruption within a person); the chastisement for our peace (Shalom) was upon Him, and by His stripes (blows that cut in) we are healed (made whole).*
- **Scan the QR code to read the true meaning behind Jesus’ cry, “It is Finished!” in John 19:30.**



### 2. The Cross was the ultimate demonstration of God’s love for us!

- Romans 5:6-9 ...*at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man*

*someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 8:31-33; Hebrews 12:2-3)*

3. **A divine exchange took place at the Cross: Jesus *became* sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**
  - 2 Corinthians 5:21 *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (Numbers 21:8-9; John 3:14-15)*
4. **Christ's death on the Cross was a permanent sacrifice.**
  - Hebrews 10:11-14 *Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect (completed) forever those who are being made holy (pure). (1 Peter 3:18)*
5. **The Cross destroyed the power of the devil.**
  - Colossians 2:14-15 *...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. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. (Genesis 3:15; Revelation 12:10-12)*
6. **The Cross restored man's relationship with God.**
  - Colossians 1:21-22 *Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 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. (2 Corinthians 5:17-20)*
7. **Because of the Cross, we can serve God with a clear conscience.**
  - Hebrews 9:14 *How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! (1 John 1:7)*

*Matthew 28:1-8 ...the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for **He is risen**, as He said."*

## Part 2 | **THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION**

*John 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, "I AM the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"*

1. **Resurrection is THE foundation for our Faith!** It proves that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and it validates the prophecies about His Messianic and redemptive work.
  - 1 Peter 1:21 *Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and*

*glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. (1 Corinthians 15:13-17)*

**2. Resurrection proves that Jesus Christ is the Son of God!**

- Romans 1:3-4 *...regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Timothy 3:16)*

**3. Through the Resurrection we have forgiveness of ALL our sins!**

- Romans 4:23 *He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. (Romans 10:13)*

**4. Because of Resurrection I have a Faithful High Priest who intercedes on my behalf!**

- Hebrews 7:23-25 *Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. (Romans 8:33-35 )*

**5. Resurrection is the certainty of Eternal Life!**

- 1 Peter 1:3-5 *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.*

**6. The Resurrection gives us confidence and the ability to serve Him in victory!**

- 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 *...The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*
- Romans 8:37-39 *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that... (nothing) will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**7. Because Christ's Resurrection, I can believe Him to raise me from deadness! The same power that raised Christ from the dead is available to all who believe!**

- Romans 8:10-11 *But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. (Philippians 3:10)*

*Happy Resurrection Day!*