

## **"THE POWER ON THE CROSS"**

**1 Corinthians 1:18** – *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.*



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*As we are preparing our hearts and minds remembering the awesome demonstration of love through the passion of Christ and through the love of God toward us, be reminded that if it had not been for the cross, life eternal would not be an option for your soul to spend eternity! Many lived and died but none whose life was so impactful that even today, over 2,000 years later, His name is still the only name whereby men can be saved! Jesus Christ is the only one who was born to die while all others were born to live!*

*Because the first Adam failed the test, and in doing so involved all humanity in his defeat, dragging the human race down with him, the last Adam, Jesus, was victorious over sin, the flesh, and the devil. The first Adam disobeyed God. The last Adam was 'obedient unto death, even the death of the cross'. The first Adam experienced the judgment of God. He ultimately died and His body turned to dust. But the last Adam, Jesus Christ, also died on the cross to atone for sin. But He did not stay dead, nor did His body 'see corruption'.*

*When the first Adam fell from the grace of God, our Heavenly Father devised an irrevocable plan of redemption that would ultimately bring eternal life to those who believed through the agonizing and atoning death of the last Adam, Jesus Christ by way of the old rugged cross! No, He was not the first to die at the hands of a Roman soldier; there were many who died by crucifixion. But no miraculous things occurred at their death as they manifested on Golgotha's Hill the night that our Redeeming Savior gave up the Ghost! He was led from judgment hall to judgment hall. They tied His hands to a post above His head as He was whipped mercilessly until the flesh fell from His bones. He was given a stick for a scepter as the Roman soldiers mocked Him as King of the Jews. He carried His cross from the prison to the place of His execution. And a heavy, square, wrought-iron nail was driven through his wrist and deep into the wood. Oh what a night!*

*He told them that though the building was destroyed, He would raise it up again in three days! He also warned them that if they lifted the Son of Man up for the world to see He would draw all men unto Him! They didn't know what he was talking about! They simply ignored Him because they were determined to take His life. They made a mistake when they lifted Him up on the cross! His hands held Him as He hung from the 6th to the 9th hour. The veil rent in two from the top to the bottom. The Sun refused to shine while the Son was hanging. The moon dripped in blood. The stars fell from their silver sockets. The earth reeled and rocked like a drunken man! The dead in Christ were released from their graves and got up walking. The sorrowful Centurion soldier finally realized at that moment that Jesus Christ was surely the Son of God! But it was too late for the Soldier! The damage was already done! How sad it is to need God and not know Him than to know Him and not need Him!*

*While on the cross, the power that only Jesus Christ had was unselfishly put into unforgettable action! The power on the cross allowed Him to FORGIVE His accusers. The power on the cross allowed Him to SAVE a criminal on his way to hell. The power on the cross allowed Him to INITIATE Godparents. While on the cross He experienced abandonment and thirst. But even through all of that, the power on the cross still allowed Him to FINISH His assignment on earth before he breathed his last breath, gave up the Ghost and commended His Spirit back to His Father. Death where is your sting, grave where is your victory? (1 Corinthians 15:55). On the third-day morning He got up from the grave declaring that all power in heaven and in earth was in His hands!*

*Let me close with the Chorus to The Power of the Cross by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend – "This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us; took the blame bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross. This, the power of the cross: Son of God slain for us. What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross."*

*Let Love Abound!*

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