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Digging Into God's Great Incredible Never-ending Grace

PURSUING MATURITY

WEEK 2

CARRYING THE CROSS

(Crucified with Christ)

Throughout history there have been many significant events that have strongly changed or altered the course of this world. They have been events with such impact that they have literally infiltrated the mind and actions of Kings, Nations, Leaders, Parliaments, all the way down to the average person. In some measure the event has touched all people, not only of it' own time era, but of all future generations up to the very present. Think of the Fall of Rome, the Holocaust, Pearl Harbor and Hiroshima.

But I think you will agree that *the most significant event ever in the history of mankind* was the Cross of Calvary. This event not only touched the physical realm, but it was the pinnacle life-changing event in the Spiritual realm. For even in it's simplest explanation it literally bridged fallen humanity with its Eternal Creator – GOD!

Think about this statement for a moment...

“The Cross not only effected the present and the future as other events have been able to do, but it was the ONLY event in the history of mankind with the ability to effect the past. All other events could not change anything that had taken place before. But the Cross of Calvary not only effected the condition of the past, but it literally had the ability to wipe it clean as if it never happen.”

What did we gain by the Cross of Calvary?

Ephesians 2:16

We are _____

Colossians 1:20

We have _____

Colossians 2:14

We are _____

What does the cross cost us?

Matthew 10:38 _____

Galatians 6:14 _____

Matthew 16:24 _____

Galatians 2:20 _____

Luke 9:23 _____

Luke 14:27 _____

Mark 10:21 _____

On what road does the cross lead us?

Matthew 7:13-14 _____

2 Corinthians 6:14-18 _____

What does the cross give us today?

1 Corinthians 1:17-18 _____

Romans 1:16 _____

IT IS OUR POWER FOR LIVING!

1 Corinthians 1:24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

2 Corinthians 13:4 For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.

Ephesians 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Philippians 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

2 Thessalonians 1:11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:

1 Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

2 Peter 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

Where is it taking us?

Hebrews 6:17-18 _____

It is our HOPE!

Because of the Cross, Christ was able to go before us so that we too could enter thru the veil. We can take comfort in this hope set before us.

Hebrews 12:2

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.