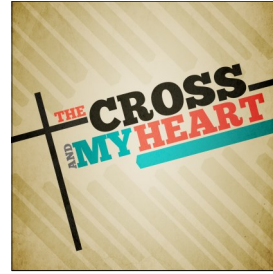


"The Cross Means Victory"

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Note I Corinthians 15:57; Romans 8:37; II Corinthians 2:14; Colossians 2:15

How could the Crucified One be a _____?

"Overcome there, He was Himself overcoming. Crushed by the ruthless power of Rome, He was Himself crushing the serpent's head (*Genesis 3:15*). The victim was the victor, and the cross is still the _____ from which he rules the world." (Stott)

The death of Jesus on the cross was the _____ of the conquest of evil, and the means of victory over sin, Satan, and death itself.

Note I John 3:8b; John 8:44

Without hesitation or apology, the New Testament declares that it was at the cross that Jesus d_____ and triumphed over Satan and all spiritual beings at his command...

1. The Victory E_____ (*note Genesis 3:15*)

"her offspring" = "_____"

Note Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 53:1-12

2. The Victory I_____

The devil recognized Jesus as his future Conqueror, so he made multiple attempts to either get rid of Him or _____ Him (*note Matthew 2:13-18; Matthew 4; Mark 1; Luke 4; John 6:15; Matthew 16:21-24 and John 13:27*) In the _____ of Jesus' Kingdom advancing, Satan's kingdom retreated...(*note Mark 4:39 and Luke 10:17-20*).

(continued on reverse)

3. The Victory A_____

Note John 16:11; 14:30; 12:31-32; Hebrews 2:14-15; Colossians 2:13-15

"Written code" = the broken laws by us ("hand-written document, certificate of indebtedness..._____ confession of indebtedness that stood as a witness against us")

"Cancelled" = "_____ it clean"

Jesus has "not only cancelled the debt, but also _____ the document on which it was recorded." (O'Brien)

"Disarmed" = "s_____"

"Powerless p_____"

By liberating us from our debt of sin, Jesus also liberated us from Satan's _____ and authority.

4. The Victory C_____

"Rather, the cross was the victory won, and the resurrection the victory endorsed, proclaimed, and demonstrated." (Stott)

Note Acts 2:24; Ephesians 1:19b-21; 1 Peter 3:21b-22

5. The Victory E_____

Note Acts 1:8; 26:18; 1 Thessalonians 1:9; Colossians 1:13

Every time someone says "yes" to Jesus...it "involves a power encounter in which the devil is _____ to relax his hold on somebody's life and the superior power of Christ is demonstrated." (Stott)

When lost people matter to us because they matter to God, then we are personally _____ the victory of Jesus on the cross.

6. The Victory C_____

We are living in the "_____ interim"...the primary purpose of this interim time is to fulfill the _____ given to the Church by Jesus.

We live in the "_____ but not yet" period of history.

So how is the Cross intersecting my heart?

- Jesus' cross is not an instrument of defeat but an enduring _____ of His all-encompassing victory!
- Are we engaged in His mission and therefore helping to expand Jesus' victory in people's lives?

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