

## The Position, the Authority, the Power of the Cross

Ps. 118:19-24

The Levitical priest sang and worshipped Yahweh, the One True God every day. They entered His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise according to Ps. 100:4.

They would come into the area of the brazen altar with praise and worship every day in this manner.

So, every day they would quote these scriptures with thanksgiving and praise. This was their due order.

This tells me worship is the single most important thing a Christian can do.

- Worship flows from love
- And the Word used in scripture, “to love”, is the Greek word agapao. It means to totally give ourselves to something or to surrender all to it.
- This explains why the Levitical priest entered into the outer court gates with thanksgiving and praise.
- They were getting ready to kill animals at the brazen altar which signifies the killing of the self-will.
- You see worship and crucifying the self-will, both, together.
- The brazen altar is symbolic of the cross of Jesus Christ.
- It represents power, anointing, and joy we receive because of what the cross accomplished against sin, hell, and death.
- Our problem is our flesh seeks joy, strength, and power from alternative sources. This produces depression, apathy, and disillusionment.

Look what Paul says about the power of the cross in 1 Cor. 1:18, 23-24.

Singing at the Gates

Mon. – Ps. 48

Tues. – Ps. 82

Wed. – Ps. 94

Thurs. – Ps. 81

Fri. – Ps. 93

Sat. – Ps. 92

Sun. – Ps. 24

The priest had to sing at the gates every day at the brazen altar.

The cross is more than a Sunday school story. It's more than a symbol we wear to show we are religious!

The cross and seat of Jesus Christ represents 3 important principles if we want to die at every day of our self-will and experience the power of God.

1. The cross represents receiving a position in fighting in warfare.
2. It represents receiving authority when fighting in warfare.
3. The cross represents receiving His power to perform my role and responsibilities as a Christian.

Look at Heb. 1:3, Eph. 1:20, Eph. 2:6.

1. This is a position and where is this position at (in heavenly places). Now why is this important, read Eph. 6:12
  - The heavenly places is where we take a position of prayer at a brazen altar with Levitical priest worship.
  - So, we are seated with Christ when we voluntarily crucify our own flesh with our praise and worship. This is how you are seated with Him in the same heavenly place where warfare is. The priest sang before they killed the flesh to show submission, with joy. This is what Jesus did, for the joy set before Him. Look at Phil. 2:8-9
2. This is the Cross of Authority you and me have. But, authority means nothing without singing at your brazen altar.
  - Some of us are battling depression and lack of motivation because you refuse to take your flesh to the cross for position, authority, and power. Read Eph. 1:22
3. This is our authority if we voluntarily choose to die at the brazen altar.

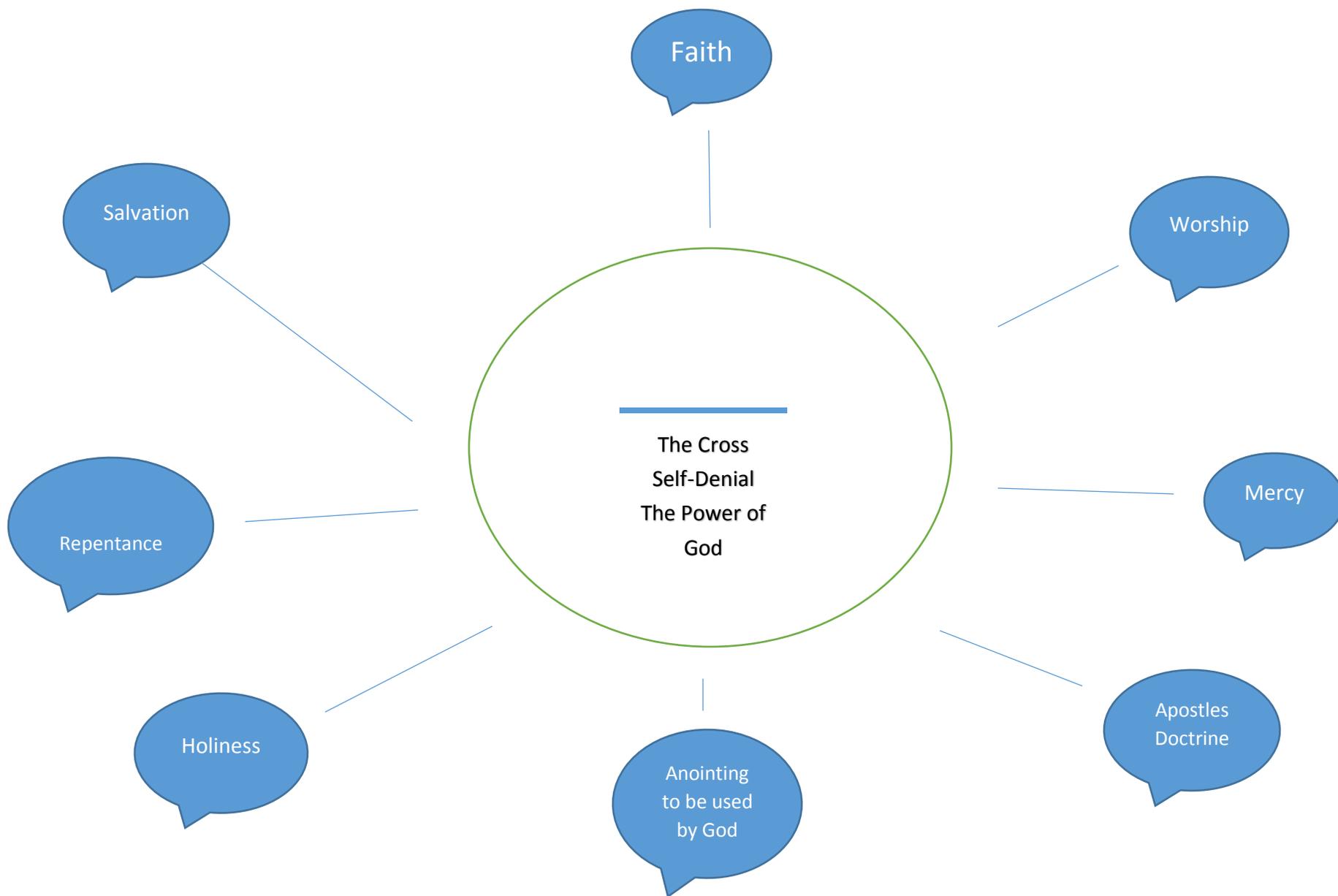
The cross gives us:

- a) Position in the heavenlies.
- b) It gives us authority to operate our roles as husbands, wives, and single people. It gives us authority to operate our ministries. The authority means the right to do something. The right to be head.
  - But in order to take your seat you've got to be willing to kill your flesh.
  - For submission begins when you don't feel like doing something.
  - God knows this so He gave us the power that comes with the cross.
  - The cross isn't just power to bless our job, your health, and a new car.
  - This cross is power to die so I can operate my position of authority with worshipping JOY. Read. Eph. 1:19, Eph. 3:8-12.

The work of the cross changed the conditions both in the heavens and in earth, human relationships.

- This brazen altar represents the cross of Jesus Christ and we approach it with praise and thanksgiving. You see, the cross demands praise, Heb. 2:8-12.
- We struggle with prayer and faithfulness to small things because our flesh is still too much alive. Trying to give God our hard work with little to no fasting and prayer.
- We don't have God's power because there too much flesh alive.
- The power of the cross gives us the ability to die and perform our roles where we don't want to.
- So while I am dying I give Him praise.

Read Gal. 2:20-21



So the cross represents:

- 1) Positioned seating in the heavenlies for warfare.
- 2) Authority in warfare.
- 3) Power to die and to perform my earthly roles.

The power from the cross by faith gives me grace and mercy to get myself together so I can die out to my self-centered attitude. The cross gives me the power to crucify how I think, to crucify how I feel, to crucify my moods, to crucify what pleases me, and what I want and when I want it and how I want it. Then the authority comes on us after the crucifying of the self-will. God will not do His will through flesh that is un-submitted. Ex. 30:32. Anointing comes from being stepped on like at Gethsemane or a wine press.

So the seat and cross of Jesus symbolizes:

- a) His right for the roles I serve in daily.
- b) His might to die out to the flesh.

Then He equips us with the anointing to break yokes. Isaiah 10:27. For the source of all might is in the power of the cross. Take my power and go after your flesh. Let your flesh be stepped on. God has been checking some flesh out around here. It's flesh check time.

I seat you with Calvary's Power

1. To submit to your role in marriage according to My Word and not what your flesh and intellect wants, with praise and worship.
2. To live holy as a single.
3. To pay your tithes and monthly pledges on time.
4. To disciple and long suffer for the people you are working with. (In your homes with your resources)
5. To be available and give yourself to the immigration's ministry

6. To spend time building marriage and family activities.
7. To go and teach that home bible study
8. To get involved in a ministry
9. To do your 2 hour prayer shift
10. To embrace the backslider who has hurt you
11. To receive the Holy Ghost and get baptized in Jesus name
12. To endure a hard relationship you feel trapped in

## Cross Power

1. Produces Christ like fruit
2. Long term productivity
3. Produces a break in strongholds, generational curses
4. It is not competitive
5. It is not self-willed or prideful
6. Produces over achieving results
7. Produces genuine, transparent humility

Power produces death which produces anointing that destroys the yoke. This cross demands our worship.

This cross power will kill:

- 1) Depression
- 2) Out of control lust
- 3) Refusal to take care of your home as a woman
- 4) A man's temper, or laziness
- 5) Lack of financial self-control
- 6) Lack of motivation
- 7) No motivation for the church's new vision
- 8) For fasting and prayer

But you've got to come with praise, no weeping and no crying and begging, just worship.

- 1) Jericho cross worship
- 2) Paul and Silas/cross worship
- 3) Gideon/cross worship

It's time to shout Judah shall have His hand in the neck of the enemy. Praise shall put its hand to the neck of the enemy, squeezing on the devil.

This is warfare praise, not to show I am spiritual.

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