

# Surveying The Wondrous Cross

## (Part 17)

Galatians 6:14 **But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.**

The Christian is a new creation in a new universe.

We have new life, new start in Christ.

It's not a renovation using old materials.

Everything about being born again is brand new.

2 Corinthians 5:17 **Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**

We are delivered from the old Adamic state.

We are now in Christ instead.

Our old life is dead.

Romans 6:6 **Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.**

It is gone forever and we are forever changed.

Sin only overcomes us when we allow it to dominate.

Romans 6:14 **For sin shall not have dominion over you.**

New life isn't just God forgiving / pardoning our sin.

That's the way religion views Christianity.

That is just the sin and confession rut.

It ends up in the same place it started.  
Instead our whole position has changed.  
We are now truly secured as God's children.  
We are in an entirely new relationship with Him.  
If we operate under religion then we are not reconciled.

Romans 6:14 **For ye are not under the law, but under grace.**

Grace does not give us the freedom to sin.  
A released criminal isn't free to commit further crimes.  
If he does, he puts himself back under the law of the land.  
It proves that he has not changed despite the pardon.

Romans 6:15-16 **What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?**

God transformed us so that we don't want to go the old way.  
The Cross placed us in an entirely new position.  
God is no longer our Lawgiver, but our Father.  
He has filled us with His nature.  
We are still in this fallen world.  
But we have a new way of living in it.  
The Holy Spirit empowers us to live this new life.  
In no conceivable way is the believer the same as he was.  
God does expect us to live the new life.  
But He gives us the ability to do it.

Philippians 2:12-13 **Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.**

Since we are in a relationship with God ...  
Heaven is open to us and we can talk to Him.  
Prayer isn't just words.  
It is entering into His presence.

Hebrews 4:16 **Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.**

Do we have such right to come before Him.  
Religion cowers and seeks to please God by works.  
Religion looks with disdain upon those who boldly go.  
The law forbids them to approach God.  
It pastes a banner on a barrier which reads ...

John 9:31 **God heareth not sinners.**

But this warning is of no consequence to us.

Ephesians 2:18 **For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.**

And just on the basis of Whom we believe in.  
Through Whom we have access to the Throne of God.

John 14:6 **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

It is only through what Christ did on the Cross.  
There is no other way acceptable to God.

Hebrews 4:14 **Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.**

In times of need, we go by way of the Cross.  
To obtain mercy, we go by way of the Cross.  
To stand firm, we go by way of the Cross.  
If only we'd accept that it's all through the Blood.

Hebrews 10:19-22 **Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.**

When the accuser reminds us of our past ...  
Look to the victory of Calvary.  
He wants to rake up the old memory / conscience.  
These feelings are a platform to go back to the old life.  
If we feel unworthy and unclean, don't give in.  
Instead fly to the old place of security.

Nothing in my hands I bring,

Simply to Thy Cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress,  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace:  
Foul, I to the fountain fly,  
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.  
(Augustus Montague Toplady).

No wonder we have nothing else to glory in!