

Power of the Cross: The Cross

INTRODUCTION

It's hard for us to think that we can do nothing to get a better standing with God. When Jesus said it was finished...He really meant it was finished. God is completely satisfied and we can find complete rest in the power of the His cross.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Do you ever think that you have more favor with God because you did something you knew He said was good to do, or you did not do something that you know He would not want you to do? If so, please explain.
- 2. Read <u>Isaiah 64:6</u>. When it comes to try and gaining more favor with God on our own, what does God compare our best efforts to? What do you think He means by this?
- 3. In <u>John 19:30</u> we are told the last words that Jesus said on the cross were: "It is finished". Look up the following verse in the bible to see what Jesus meant when He said it was finished, and what power we receive when we place our faith in Him.

a.	Hebrews 9:25-26 -	You receive complete	
b.	Ephesians 2:14-18 -	You receive complete	
c.	Matthew 11:28-30 -	You receive complete	

MOVING FORWARD

If we are going to live in the power of the cross it means we are going to believe what Jesus said the cross did. When Jesus said it was finished, He really meant it was finished. God is completely satisfied and we can find complete rest in the power of the cross. Will you receive the power of this truth today and walk in it? Will you stop trying harder to earn a better place with God and just rest in what He has already declared you to be; perfect in Him? Will you choose to believe that it truly is finished and because of Jesus, you are forgiven and that you are in complete communion with God? Will you rest in the power of this truth?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. - <u>John</u> <u>19:30</u> (ESV).















