

The Cross: The Defining Line of the Gospel (Part 2)

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Scripture References:

- Hebrews 8:1, 6, 8-12, 38, 39
- Hebrews 9:9, 16, 17
- 2 Timothy 2:15, *AMPC*
- Deuteronomy 11:26-28
- Galatians 3:13, 14
- James 2:10
- Romans 4:8
- Exodus 19:12
- Ephesians 2:13-18
- Hebrews 4:16
- Romans 15:4
- Leviticus 5:17
- Leviticus 5:17, *NLT*
- Hebrews 10:1-3, 5, 10, 11, 14
- Romans 5:5, 17, 18
- Deuteronomy 6:25, *NLT*
- Galatians 2:16, *NLT*
- Mark 2:21, 22
- Revelation 3:15, 16

Summary:

The cross of Christ marks a major turning point for the entire world. Jesus not only died for our sins, but also to add power and force to the New Testament because the old agreement between God and man was obsolete. Knowing how to rightly divide the difference between the old and the new keeps us from being confused by false religious doctrines; as believers, clarity on this is vital to our spiritual development.

Notes:

1. The cross defines the line between the old covenant of the law and the new covenant of grace. Jesus died to add power and force to the New Testament because the old agreement between God and man became obsolete.
2. Before the cross, God was distant and unapproachable. When the law was given, man had to stay far away from Him or be punished. The cross changed that; now, we have been brought near to Him. We can confidently approach God without fear of His wrath or punishment.
3. Although the old covenant has expired, it's still very useful today. It pointed the way to Jesus and to the need for a better covenant. It's a mistake to think there are no laws under the new covenant of grace; there's the law of liberty, the law of faith, and the perfect law of love.
4. We're no longer responsible for paying for our sins; Jesus accepted responsibility and paid for all of them. Jesus' body and blood were the perfect sacrifice for sin. Faith in this frees us from a guilty conscience.
5. Before the cross, righteousness was demanded of sinful, fallen mankind. After the cross, righteousness is a free gift given to everyone in Christ. A gift can't be earned; it must be received.

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