

The Character of the Cross – VICTORY

John 19:17-30 – “It is Finished!”

4 specific ways that the Bible says the cross SECURED VICTORY.

1. The Cross secured victory in ATONEMENT

- Rom 5:1 “Therefore, having been **justified by faith**, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”
- Col 1:19 “for it was the Father’s good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in the son and through Him to reconcile all things to himself, **having made peace through the blood the of His Cross**”
- Heb 7.25 “Jesus is able to save forever, those who draw near to God through Him, since he always lives to make intercession (resurrection). For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest as Jesus, Holy, Innocent, Undefined, Separated from sinners, and exalted about the Heavens, who does not need daily, like those High Priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins, and then for the sins of the people, because this He did, **once for all**, when he offered up himself.”
- Heb 9:11 “When Christ appeared as a high Priest of the good things to come he entered through the greater more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation, and not through the blood of goats and calves, [as had been done for hundreds of years], but through his own blood. He entered the holy place – **once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.**”

- Heb 9:24 “Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us, nor was it that he should offer himself often as the High Priest enters the holy place year by year with blood not his own, otherwise Jesus would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world. But now once at the consummation of the ages he has been manifested to **put away sin** [HOW] by the sacrifice of himself”

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- Heb 10:10 “by the will of God we have been sanctified by the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all”

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- Heb 10:12 “Having offered one sacrifice for all time Jesus sat down at the right hand of God”

- “God sent his son, they called him Jesus.
He came to love, heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my saviour lives’

2. The cross secured victory over the curse

- Galatians 3:10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

3. The cross secured **VICTORY** over the **DEVIL**

Heb 2:14 - Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil...

4. The Cross secured victory over **FEAR** induced **SLAVERY**

Heb 2:15...and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

1Cor 15:55 “O death, where is your victory? O death where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the **victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ.”