

Benefits of the Cross

As believers in Christ, we know that Jesus Christ died on the cross for people's sins. But many do not know that the forgiveness of our sins is not the end of the story. The benefits of the cross are much more: Not only has Jesus freed believers from all condemnation, but we have a whole new identity, according to John 1:12 and 2 Corinthians 5:17. He has given us purpose, power, and hope to live here on Earth now!

Eternal life is not just about Heaven; it starts as soon as you accept Christ. Jesus' purpose was to preach and to heal—and now, so is yours. The source of His power to do these things was the Holy Spirit, and you have been given the same Holy Spirit that lived in Jesus.

The Bible tells us to “forget not all His benefits” (Psalm 103:2). Here are just a few of the many benefits of the cross for your life as a follower of Christ. May you rejoice and be encouraged as you consider each one:

- I am reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:18)
- I am redeemed and forgiven (Ephesians 1:7-8)
- I am a child of God (1 John 3:1-2)
- I am a saint (Ephesians 1:1; Philippians 1:1)
- I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
- I am a citizen of Heaven (Philippians 3:20)
- I have eternal life (John 5:24; 1 John 5:11-13)
- I have received the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 2:12)
- I have been made alive with Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- I am God's workmanship (Ephesians 2:10)
- I am a temple of God (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19)
- I am blessed with EVERY spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3)