

Living in the Power of the Cross

Matthew 16:24-25; 11:28-30
Galatians 2:20
Romans 6:3-7

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An instrument of death

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An instrument of surrender

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.”

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“We must do something about the cross, and one of two things only we can do – flee it or die upon it. And if we should be so foolhardy as to flee we shall by that act put away the faith of our fathers and make Christianity something other than what it is. Then we shall have left only the empty language of salvation; the power will depart with our departure from the true cross.”

A.W. Tozer, *Root of Righteous* pg. 63

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“Come to me, all you are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)

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An instrument of transformation

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

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“Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

Romans 6:3-4 (NIV)

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“If we have been united with him in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be rendered powerless, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.”

Romans 6:5-7 (NIV)

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“So the cross not only brings Christ’s life to an end, it ends also the first life, the old life, of every one of His true followers. It destroys the old pattern, the Adam pattern, in the believers life, and it brings it to an end. Then the God who raised Christ from the dead raises the believer and a new life begins.”

A.W. Tozer, *The Root of Righteousness*, pg. 62

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“Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.”

Romans 6:5-7 (NLT)

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“So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.”
“...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness gentleness and self control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”

Galatians 5:16, 22-24 (NIV)

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