The Power of the Cross

Where Divine EXCHANGE Took Place

Can you list twelve things Jesus accomplished for you on the cross, the central event in history?

"For by one offering [sacrifice] He [Jesus] <u>has perfected forever</u> those who <u>are being sanctified."</u>

(Hebrews 10:14 NKJV)

So in the spirit world, the perfection is <u>already completed</u>. It endures, even while we are in the process of working out our soul's salvation (Phil. 2:12,13). If I acknowledge these 12 things as completed and finished, and speak them forth as personal, present tense, positive reality, I write them upon my heart. This prepares me to experience these realities.

The Revelation: The Cross has made me flawless

	Jesus took my	and gave me	Scriptures showing the vast scope of salvation ("sozo" in the Greek)
1	rebellion, independence	restored fellowship	All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him (Isa 53:6). They may be one, just as We are one (Jn. 17:22).
2	heart's iniquities	a new heart and a new spirit	He was crushed for our <u>iniquities</u> (Isa. 53:4); A <u>new heart</u> and a <u>new spirit</u> I give you (Ezek. 36:26).
3	sins	His righteousness	He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (2 Cor. 5:21).
4	defeat by the power of sin	power to live righteously	He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness (1 Pet. 2:24).
5	shame	God's glory	Endured the cross, despising the <u>shame</u> (Heb. 12:2). The <u>glory</u> which You have given Me I have <u>given to them</u> (Jn. 17:22).
6	curse	God's blessing, the Holy Spirit	Christ redeemed us from the <u>curse of the Law</u> in order that in Christ Jesus the <u>blessing</u> of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so we <u>receive the promise of the Spirit through faith</u> (Gal. 3:13-14).
7	sickness	healing	By His wounds you were healed (1 Pet. 2:24).
8	poverty	His riches	Though He was rich, yet for your sake He <u>became poor</u> , so that you through His poverty might <u>become rich</u> (2 Cor. 8:9 – see vss. 1-15 for context).
9	sorrows, regrets	Норе	Our <u>sorrows</u> He carried (Isa. 53:4); Christ in you, the <u>hope</u> of glory (Col. 1:27).
10	Anxiety	Joy, peace	Rejoice in the Lord Be anxious for nothing and the peace of

			God will guard your heart (Phil. 4:4-7).
11	rejection, fear	adoption as a son of God	"MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU <u>FORSAKEN</u> ME?" (Matt. 27:46). He predestined us to <u>adoption</u> as <u>sons</u> through Jesus Christ to Himself (Eph. 1:5)
12	death	eternal life	The wages of sin is <u>death</u> ; the gift of God is <u>eternal life</u> through Jesus Christ our Lord (Rom. 6:23).

My Confession Concerning the Power of the Cross - I am complete in Christ!

- 1. Jesus has taken my rebellion and independence and I have restored daily fellowship with God.
- 2. Jesus removed my darkened heart and I have received a new heart, alight with God's desires.
- 3. Jesus removed my sinfulness and now I daily put on Christ's robe of righteousness.
- 4. Jesus removed the power of sin and now I have a power and passion to live in holiness.
- 5. Jesus has taken my shame and now I radiate His glory.
- 6. Jesus removed the curse. I walk by the Spirit, experiencing God's blessings.
- 7. Jesus has taken my sickness and I live in divine health.
- 8. Jesus has taken my poverty and I now live in abundance.
- 9. Jesus has taken my sorrow and regret of what could have been; now hope fills my heart daily.
- 10. Jesus has taken my anxiety. Now joy and peace guard my heart.
- 11. Jesus has removed my fear of rejection and adopted me into His family, passionately loving me.
- 12. Jesus experienced my death and I now have eternal life.

Summary Confessions: Easy to memorize, ponder and speak - The Cross was enough!

<u>Jesus removed my</u> rebellion, evil heart desires, overt sins, enslavement to sin, shame, curse, sickness, poverty, sorrow, anxiety, fear of rejection, and death.

I am complete in Christ (Col. 1:28) – Jesus has given me restored fellowship, new heart desires, His righteousness, power over sin, His glory, the Holy Spirit, health, prosperity, hope, joy, peace, adoption into His family and eternal life.

Watch this music video by MercyMe as they show how the cross has made you "Flawless." It is awesome, and already been listened to 37 million times. We have purchased their entire Album, "Welcome To The New" and listened to it at least 100 times. They have a revelation of grace based living, and hearing their songs releases tremendous life to our spirits. It captures the fact that Jesus has done it all on the cross. We can relax and go with the flow. He's got us!

Two-way Journaling Exercises (Two-way journaling explained here.)

- Lord, what would You speak to me concerning these incredible gifts You have showered upon me?
- It would be extremely life-giving to journal about each of these 12 exchanges, asking the Lord what He would like to say to you concerning each one.

•	If you coupled this with a Bible story and a personal story for each one, you would have a powerful testimony to share with your friends.				