

The Great “No More” Of The Cross

During these days the Lord continues to set before me the Greatness of The Cross, and He has been challenging me personally to deal with the Reality of this Finished Work. And His emphasis has been upon not just recognizing The Cross as A Finished Work, but being confronted with that Reality – NOW – today – continually – in the Truth of what that Cross has done. And I can tell you that this has not been a comfortable challenge for me. The Cross of Christ: His death, burial and resurrection was Eternally God’s Plan and method of securing a people unto Himself in Oneness of Life, and the Eternal Judgment that took place there continues to be the basis for all of God’s Work today.

But sadly, many Christians have a very small comprehension of The Cross: to them it is merely a symbol of their faith, or something Jesus did for them many years ago, but has no real relevance in their lives today. This type of comprehension comes woefully short of the Reality and depth of The Cross, and fails to embrace the tremendous Eternal Judgment that has taken place by The Cross of Christ. So to many Christians The Cross has become a minor and secondary aspect of their Salvation, and because of this the Working of The Cross of Christ is not operational in their daily lives. They are seeking other experiences, other gifts or blessings; and they never come to walk in the Newness of Life God has given them by The Cross of Christ. The tragedy is they never come to know what IS... **NOW** in Christ by His Finished Work: and they have never entered into His Rest.

We read all of the tremendous experiential (not merely intellectual or theological) knowledge of the Lord that the Apostle Paul came to and lived by, and sometimes we say we wish we could know the Lord like that. But Paul was not of himself greater than any of us: it was just that his heart was fixed and settled upon one thing: THE CROSS OF CHRIST – His death, burial and resurrection.

- **Galatians 6:14:** *“But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.”* And Paul allowed The Cross of Christ to work in him. Paul recognized the great Judgment, the great Division this Cross brought. By Christ and The Cross the world (the earthly realm, natural life, self, even traditional religion) is crucified (dead, buried and put away) unto me, and I unto the world. To Paul this was not a future hope, but a present Reality by which he lived daily. The Cross is what Paul gloried in: he recognized its power, its depth, that it is a right judgment, its necessity; and he rejoiced in The Cross because he recognized The Cross could do what neither he, nor any other earthly man, or even religion could do. So he embraced The Cross and desired nothing else because he knew The Cross as the Wisdom and Power of God.

But many of us have not come to this understanding yet. We are still “debating” The Cross: evaluating for and by ourselves what is right or wrong, judging things and people according to the time we live in; and in essence denying what God intended and accomplished by The Cross of Christ. And we mistakenly think that we are going to change God’s Judgment and His Wisdom. But that will never happen. The Cross has always been in God’s mind and its Judgment is Eternally settled in

Heaven and continues to function today and will throughout Eternity in the way God intended it to. And “our” religions and doctrines will never change God’s Eternal Cross and all that God accomplished there. But we have two choices: we can either embrace His Cross, or deny it; but we cannot change what it has done.

The Apostle Paul lived daily with his mind and heart set upon nothing other than The Cross of Christ. **I Corinthians 2:2:** *“For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.”* And “know” here means to be aware, consider, to perceive. This is not just intellectually learning the FACTS of The Cross as many Christians do, but it is EXPERIENCING the Working of The Cross in his soul continually. Paul accepted the greatness and the rightness of The Cross, embraced it and did not deny or fight against its Judgment and the resulting Work of Christ’s death, burial and resurrection. He allowed that same Work to be done in him.

I have spoken about “Denying The Judgment of The Cross” and therefore being an “Enemy of The Cross of Christ”, and sadly many of us still do that. And in our hearts, we truly do love the Lord; but in order to love Him fully and obey Him, we also need to love and obey His Cross. And notice I said “HIS” Cross. We want The Cross to be pretty and nice, not too sharp or offensive; just cutting away a little of the “bad part of me”, “forgiving me my sins” over and over again, but leaving me and helping “me to do better and try harder” to please God. This is man’s fleshly view of The Cross and is very far from God’s view because to God The Cross is an ugly, bloody, offensive thing! And the Judgment of The Cross is sharp, strong, right, brutal, and clean: and it is the only thing that has accomplished all that God desires. So we have to come to embrace God’s view of The Cross and the finality and correctness of the Judgment that

came by This Cross. With our carnal minds we do not easily embrace Judgment, because Judgment means coming to a definite decision, and bringing about a division or separation. And God's Judgment executed at The Cross separates with an Eternal Finality the Living from the dead: and that Judgment is Eternally settled to God. But in our hearts, especially in our religious minds we think that God's Judgment should be kinder, more compassionate, and not so definite. But this is totally contrary to The Cross of Christ.

I often say that to us The Cross is too small, and we don't see its effectiveness. We think that it merely deals with some sins and a few "terrible things that God doesn't like": but we fail to see its magnitude and seriousness. Once when sharing I drew a small Cross in the middle of a blackboard to illustrate The Cross, but my late husband corrected me and said, "You have made The Cross too small. It is tremendous – heavy and definite, and it does NOT allow anything of the old, the dead to pass through it, or over it or under it!" The Cross is Central and Essential to God's Plan, and everything is touched by This Cross and we cannot minimize it in any way. And there is a tremendous Judgment that has taken place by This Cross, and there is no minimizing or changing that Judgment: a tremendous Decision and Division has resulted from This Finished Work, and that Judgment remains today. This is the Truth of The Cross and The Gospel that Paul preached and lived in.

But in Christianity today we have devised a "politically correct" or "socially acceptable" Gospel: but in the Reality of Christ and The Cross it is no Gospel at all! The Apostle Paul who only preached The Gospel of Christ and Him crucified warned the Galatian Church about perverting The Gospel of Christ. **Galatians 1:6:** *"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him*

that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8: But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.” In our humanistic “Gospel” we preach that God loves everybody and accepts everybody and everything because He is a “good God”. But that denies the Judgment of The Cross and the division that it has brought. The Lord Jesus by His death, burial and resurrection brought a clear and thorough Judgment – and a dividing of all things. **Luke 12:51:** *“Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division.”* And “division” here means to partition thoroughly: to separate completely.

Now this is what He has done by The Cross: dividing the Living from the dead: dividing the types and shadows from the Substance; dividing what spoke of Him to the Truth of Who He is. It is all by His “coming”. And His appearing – His “coming” in us – in the Reality and Working of His death, burial and resurrection brings this division, this Judgment into our hearts. Then we no longer “judge things” according to our minds, which are carnal, even religious ones, and refuse HIS total dividing Work. If “we” do the judging and dividing it will NOT be clean and thorough: we will leave what we think are the “good parts” and things we like. But HE does a complete work of separating, dividing thoroughly, leaving NOTHING of the first, the old, of what is not Him. This is an understanding Paul came to and lived by: **I Corinthians 4:3:** *“But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. 4: For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. 5: Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of*

darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.” It is HIS Judgment that we have to allow to work in us: The Judgment of The Cross.

And the True Gospel, the True Word of God shared in the Reality of The Finished Work of The Cross will bring about a tremendous DIVISION. **Hebrews 4:12:** *“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”* But this is not just reading the words that are written on pages in the Bible. The Word of God – operating as the Person of Jesus Christ in relation to The Cross in us is alive and active. And it is His working in us that divides and totally separates all things! And I want to stress that Christ and The Cross, The Word must become alive and active in us; and when it does we will experience this division that only The Cross accomplished. And anything less than the True Gospel of Christ may make you religious, but will not work in you the True Judgment and Division of The Cross. I liken this to the difference between trying to cut open a coconut with a machete and a butter knife. One makes a quick, clean, complete cut; and the other just hacks and saws, and although it may make a mark, it does not do the job! And the “butter knife gospel” will leave the flesh in tact, but the “machete Gospel” of Christ and The Cross separates soul and Spirit, flesh and Spirit, death and Life – leaving nothing that is not Christ.

So for this time I want us to consider the greatness of The Cross that is “the dividing asunder” aspect. And I want us to see how complete, final and correct this Work of The Cross is: and how necessary it is for us if we are to walk in the New Life that we have received by the power of His Resurrection. We easily quote **II Corinthians 5:17:** *“Therefore if any man be in Christ,*

he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." And I know we believe the Scripture, but we know that we are not walking in this Truth. Several years ago the Lord upbraided me saying, "You have made Me a liar!" I was saying the "right things" and agreeing with what the Bible said. I was in Christ, but there was no living of that Reality: the Truth was not evident in my daily life. And I believe it is because we have not seen and embraced this important understanding of what The Cross has accomplished. So taking a phrase from the Scriptures, I want to talk with you about the great "**NO MORE**" of The Cross.

We'll begin with a statement Moses made to the children of Israel in the day that God delivered them from Egypt, which is a type of the deliverance our Salvation in Christ brings, and he desires that they understand this is God's work, and the greatness of what God would do for them. Now they were delivered: but HOW were they delivered? By the death of the Lamb. But it was not only the Lamb who died: but THEY died in God's Mind: they embraced The Death of The Lamb. And now they were dead to the realm of the world, to the slave masters, dead to the old life in Egypt. And God wanted them to KNOW this: to EXPERIENCE this for themselves. **Exodus 14:13:** "*And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more forever.*" **No more-forever!** And when God says "no more" – He means no more! Not again, not even a little bit! And this "no more" is not just to be for a few hours or years... but forever! This is the greatness of The Cross: many things have been brought to a "no more... forever". Now we can say these words, but the Spirit of God must minister the Truth of that to our hearts so that we can live in that Reality daily. But even though that deliverance for Israel was as complete as God said

in His mind, they never came to accept that in their hearts, so they even deceived themselves into believing Egypt wasn't so bad. They had never seen the REALITY of what God had done. And when things got difficult in the wilderness, they desired to go back to the place of bondage, the place that they had been delivered from: the place that to God was "no more"!

Remember after Israel came through the Red Sea that God miraculously opened up for them, the Egyptians died in those same waters and the passageway to return was closed up. This all signified The Finished Work of The Cross and by God's deliverance there was "no more" Egypt to them. The tragedy in the wilderness with those who came out of Egypt but would not enter into Canaan was they never reckoned Egypt to be "no more" to them. And because of this they never entered into the land God had promised them. But God only brought in those of the new generation who had no experience in or recollection of Egypt. Truly to them Egypt was "no more". And now they could experience the New Life that God had prepared for them.

And by this miraculous deliverance from Egypt, the slave masters and those that held Israel in bondage were "no more". God promised Israel would see them "no more". Now this in fact was true, but Israel had to come to this view, and not expect the enemy to continue pursuing them, making their life miserable. This is something that many Christians today have failed to come to comprehend. Despite Jesus' victory at The Cross over the devil, hell and the grave, they are still troubled and pursued daily by the enemy (or so they think); they are continually battling foes and never having any peace and rest. Why? Because they have never seen this promise of "no more" totally fulfilled in The Cross of Christ.

So I want us to consider the great “NO MORE” that God established by The Cross. Our problem is that we still want to walk by sight rather than by faith: believing that when God said “no more”, He didn’t really mean it that definitively. Or maybe to Him it is “no more” but in our hearts we don’t want to come to this severe Judgment. Even though The Cross and the Judgment that it brings is definitive: fixed and settled in God’s mind, we still think it is “fuzzy” and that we can get Him to bend it or to make exceptions for things that He has already finished with, and has said “no more” to them, and no longer even deals with them. There are many aspects to this, but on a purely personal note, we are willing to accept a “no more bad me”, but we still cling to “me”. We will accept a little less of the world realm, but not the “no more” Truth of The Cross that Paul experienced. And we assume that because God is a “good and loving God” He doesn’t really mean to be so blunt and rigid, but that He will tolerate a mixture: some death with Life, some dark with Light, some old with New. But God says **NO** – absolutely not! If in the Old Covenant God wouldn’t allow them to mingle seed when they planted, or wear a garment mixed with linen or wool (Leviticus 19:19), do we really think in the Reality of The Judgment of The Cross of Christ that God is going to allow and tolerate a mixture between the flesh and the Spirit: a mixture between darkness and Light, death and Life? No, The Cross forbids it, and we must come to see what to God is seen to be “no more” because of The Finished Work of The Cross.

And this “NO MORE” would all come to be when Jesus came to the earth and went to The Cross. It is necessary for us to understand that the things of the Old Covenant were put in place by God and were necessary UNTIL... until HE came, and then they would be **NO MORE**. With Jesus’ coming there will be a different way of “knowing” God and dealing with Him. It will

be no longer by the first: by and in the flesh, by the Law of carnal commandments; but now by and in the Second, the Spirit, by a NEW Covenant. Now there would be a whole NEW Relationship with God in and by His Son. And that whole first realm of relating to God will be NO MORE. **Hebrews 8:13:** *"In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away (be no more in effect)."* **Hebrews 1:1:** *"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2: Hath in these last days (at the end of those days) spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds."*

Consider Jesus' own Words speaking of this "No More".

- **John 4:21:** *"Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye **shall neither** in this mountain, **nor yet** at Jerusalem, worship the Father... 23: But the hour cometh, and **now is**, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him."* There would be "no more" worshipping in a special place, in the flesh, according to religion because HE would bring a New Hour where there would be TRUE worship – in Spirit and Truth.
- **John 14:19:** *"Yet a little while, and **the world seeth me no more**; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also."* When Jesus would go to The Cross, then He would no more be seen and known in the flesh to the world. **II Corinthians 5:16:** *"Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now **henceforth know we him no more.**"*
- **John 15:15:** *"Henceforth I call you not servants; for the*

servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.” Under the Old Covenant God’s people functioned just as “servants”, but they would be “no more” servants blindly trying to serve God, but now as those who have an intimate knowledge of The Father in The Son.

- **John 16:25:** *“These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall **no more speak unto you in proverbs**, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.”* The Word of God would be shown plainly, without being in hidden shadows by Christ and The Cross. Then God would make Himself known in FULL Light.
- **Mark 14:25:** *“Verily I say unto you, I will **drink no more** of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”* The symbolic wine of the Old Covenant would no longer be drunk because Jesus would drink the TRUE Wine at His Cross, and bring forth a New Wine in the True Kingdom of God.

Why are these things now “NO MORE”? Because He has come! **I Corinthians 13:10:** *“But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.”* The types and shadows that made up the Old Covenant all spoke of The One who was to come, and in His coming are all fulfilled perfectly in Him, so they are no longer needed.

- **Galatians 3:23:** *“But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. 24: Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25: But after that faith is come, we are **no longer under a***

schoolmaster.” The Law was valid and kept a people UNTIL Christ came, and with Him, the faith by which God would bring a people to Salvation. Now the Law was no more necessary: it had fulfilled its purpose: to bring them to Christ.

- **Galatians 4:1:** *“Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; 2: But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. 3: Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.”* This is speaking of God’s people under the Old Covenant Law. The child, the servant must come to be “no more”. **Galatians 4:7:** *“Wherefore thou art **no more a servant**, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”* And the relationship of SON is what God desires for us, and what Christ by The Cross has brought us into. For it is The Son only that pleases The Father.
- And now regarding the Church, God desires the same thing: that we grow and, **Ephesians 4:14:** *“That we henceforth be **no more children**, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.”* A “child” has no real understanding and appreciation of his relationship with his father. The child must be “no more” so that The Son will show forth the New relationship we now have with God as Our Father – in a mature relationship and oneness.

We must see the greatness of what Christ has done for us by The Cross. Under the Old Covenant because of the nature of man, even religious man was kept out and away from God. But that is not the case now in Christ. **Ephesians 2:17:** *“And (He) came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to*

them that were nigh. **18:** For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. **19:** Now therefore ye **are no more strangers and foreigners**, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God.” And my heart continues to be sad because there are still so many Christians who have not come to the Reality of The Cross and are still trying to have a relationship with God as “strangers” rather than seeing their true Relationship of Oneness with Him in His Son by The Work of The Cross.

So we now must come to comprehend the great “NO MORE” of The Cross and when we do, we should be walking in a glorious freedom in the Reality of what Christ has done. What God has done in Christ at The Cross is now what is so in us by our union with Him in His death, burial, and resurrection.

- **Romans 6:9:** “Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead **dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.** **10:** For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. **11:** Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord....**14:** For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.” Because of the Finished Work of The Cross sin and death have NO MORE dominion over us! **Hebrews 2:14:** “... that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil.”
- **Romans 11:6:** “And if by grace, then is it **no more of works:** otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.” Now in Christ it is no more the works of the flesh, but all God’s Grace.

- And now we have an assurance concerning our “sins” that was never available under the Old Covenant. **Hebrews 8:12:** *“For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and **their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.**”*
- Hebrews 10 speaks of the inadequacy of the Old Covenant Law and the continual offerings which never could make the people perfect. But Hebrews is always contrasting the Greatness of The Sacrifice of Christ that accomplished what the Law could not. **Hebrews 10:1,** *“ For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the thing, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. **2:** “For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had **no more conscience of sin.** **3:** But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year... But NOW – by the sacrifice of Christ God says: **17:** And their sins and iniquities will I **remember no more.** **18:** Now where remission of these is, there is **no more offering for sin.**”* HIS Perfect sacrifice at The Cross made NO MORE sacrifice necessary. His offering at The Cross was ONCE – FOR ALL – FOREVER!

And let me just finish this sharing by looking at several more passages from the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ. But please understand these are not future promises that will be so “someday”: but this is The Reality of The Finished Work of God in Christ by The Cross.

- **Revelation 3:12:** *“Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he **shall go no more out:** and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down*

out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name."

- **Revelation 7:15:** *"Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. 16: They shall **hunger no more**, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. 17: For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."*
- **Revelation 18** regarding Babylon –She shall be no more at all.
- **Revelation 21:1:** *"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was **no more sea**. Now there is no more separation of heaven and earth. 4: And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be **no more death**, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.... 22: And I saw **no temple** therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. 23: And the city had **no need of the sun**, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."* Everything now is different: all of the old types and shadows are NO MORE because they are fulfilled in the New Creation in Christ Jesus.
- **Revelation 22:3:** *"And there shall be **no more curse**: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him."* The curse that mankind was under comes to be NO MORE to those who have embraced

The Cross and are living in the Reality of that Finished Work.

May the Lord open our understanding to see the Reality of the **"NO MORE"** that God has established because of The Cross of Christ, and may we allow that Reality to be worked in us daily. Truly when we come to put off all that is "no more" to God, then there will only be what is BUT NOW IN CHRIST. This is the greatness of The Cross that the Apostle Paul lived by. **Galatians 2:20:** *"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."* To Paul this was not just a "scripture verse", it was an experiential Truth: **NO MORE I, BUT CHRIST.** And this is the Truth that we have to come to and allow the Lord to work in us - His **"NO MORE."**