

“WHAT DOES THE CROSS MEAN TO THE DEVIL?”

The Power of the Cross

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Introduction

1. The power of the cross _____ the head of Satan.

Genesis 3:15 - *I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”*

2. The power of the cross destroys the _____ of the devil.

1 John 3:8b – *The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.*

3. The power of the cross breaks the power of _____.

Hebrews 2:14-15 - *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, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.*

1 Corinthians 15:54-57 - *When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” ⁵⁵“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

4. The power of the cross _____ the devil and his demons.

Colossians 2:14-15 - *By canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.*

Ephesians 4:8-10 - *Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.” ⁹In saying, “He ascended,” what*

does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.

1 Peter 3:18-19 - *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison.*

5. How shall we then deal with Satan?

Revelation 12:11-12 - *And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”*

A. Stand and Fight

Ephesians 6:11-13 - *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.*

B. Yield and Resist

James 4:7 - *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

C. Kneel and Pray

Ephesians 6:18 - *Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.*

Luke 22:46 - *And he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”*

Conclusion