

## Focused On Jesus Christ's Cross

**I Corinthians 1:18-For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.** (KJV)

Holy Apostle Paul proclaims the power of the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ. The power of Christ's Cross holds a central place in Apostle Paul's preaching. Jesus Christ's Cross offers strength and renewal in the lives of faithful believers. Every single action in God's Holy Church takes place under the sign of the Cross. Parishes and individuals embracing the power of the Cross grow and develop.

**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.** (KJV)

Believers benefit by focusing on the power of Christ's Cross all of earthly life. Parish churches seeking to grow and develop draw upon the power of the Cross. Personal change and growth in Jesus Christ occur through the power of the Cross. Repentance and forgiveness of sins are inseparable from the Cross of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ's power over death on the Cross was confirmed by His Resurrection.

**Ephesians 2:16-And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:** (KJV)

Wise church leaders utilize the message of the Cross in their decision-making. Love for Christ increases when believers understand Jesus' suffering on the Cross. Parish growth becomes possible when the message of the Cross is fully embraced. The Cross is a great mystery unfolding through the ages until the Second Coming. Believers grapple to understand the Cross in the depths of the heart, mind and soul.

**Philippians 2:8-And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.** (KJV)

Apostle Paul's writings about the Cross have empowered Christians for centuries. Believers are able to handle the struggles of daily life by the power of the Cross. Appreciating Jesus Christ's humility in going to the Cross is a life-long challenge. Showing love, appreciation and gratitude to the Crucified Christ benefit the soul. Church leaders embracing and valuing the Cross's message are inspiring examples.

**Colossians 2:14-Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;** (KJV)

Jesus Christ's Cross reveals life's valuable messages of love and forgiveness. Believers practicing love and forgiveness in daily life have healthy relationships. Individuals who are unforgiving and unloving reject the message of the Cross. Jesus Christ ascending the Cross led to the Empty Tomb and joyous Resurrection. Belief in eternal life rests firmly in the Crucified and Resurrected Jesus Christ.

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