

There Is No Power in the Cross

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The Great Deception:

There is power in the Agape Love, the Blood, the Word, the Spirit, and the Resurrection

For generations, many have repeated the phrase “There is power in the cross.” Yet Scripture never says the cross itself carries power. The cross was an instrument of death—a tree of curse—and without the blood, without the resurrection, without the Spirit, and without the living Word, the cross becomes nothing more than a religious symbol.

A gospel that exalts the wooden cross but ignores the blood, the resurrection, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit is not the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is a false gospel, a powerless gospel, and ultimately a gospel of antichrist.

Let’s walk through the biblical truth.

1. The Cross Was a Place of Curse—Not Power

The cross was the Roman tool of execution. Scripture says:

- “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.”

(Galatians 3:13)

Jesus did not receive power from the cross.

He brought power to the cross.

He hung on the tree to take the curse of sin and death upon Himself. The cross was the place where the Lamb was slain—but the power was in the Lamb, not the wood.

2. The Power Is in the Blood

The Bible is crystal clear:

- “We have redemption through His blood.”

(Ephesians 1:7)

- "The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin."

(1 John 1:7)

- "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony."

(Revelation 12:11)

The blood is where:

- cleansing happens
- forgiveness is released
- redemption is purchased
- the enemy is defeated
- testimony gains authority

There is no verse that says the cross cleanses you.

But Scripture repeatedly says the blood does.



3. Jesus Hung the Fruit of Sin Back on the Tree

Adam took the fruit from the tree and brought death to humanity.

Jesus, the Last Adam, took the fruit of our sin and hung it back on the tree.

He carried:

- our sin
- our shame
- our curse
- our death

And nailed it to the cross:

- "He canceled the record of debt... nailing it to the cross."

(Colossians 2:14)

The cross was the place where sin was judged, but the power that accomplished this was the blood of the sacrifice.

4. The Living Water Is the Word About What Jesus Did

Jesus said:

- “The words I speak to you are spirit and life.”

(John 6:63)

- “Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”

(John 3:5)

The “water” is the Word—the message of what Jesus accomplished through His death, burial, and resurrection.

The gospel is not the cross alone.

The gospel is the Word about:

- His sacrifice
- His blood
- His resurrection
- His outpoured Spirit

This Word becomes living water, producing new birth when joined with the Spirit.

5. Without the Resurrection and the Spirit, the Cross Is Emptied of Power

Paul says:

- “If Christ is not risen, your faith is futile.”

(1 Corinthians 15:17)

The resurrection is the proof that:

- the sacrifice was accepted
- death was defeated
- the blood was enough
- Jesus is Lord

And Jesus Himself said:

- "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you."
(Acts 1:8)

Not when you look at the cross.

Not when you wear a cross.

Not when you preach the cross alone.

Power comes from the Spirit.

6. A Cross-Only Message Is a Fake Gospel

A message that focuses on the cross but ignores:

- the blood
 - the sacrifice
 - the Word
 - the Spirit
 - the resurrection
- ...is a distorted gospel.

It produces:

- no new birth
- no transformation
- no power
- no Spirit
- no resurrection life

It is a gospel of antichrist, because it removes the living Christ and replaces Him with a dead symbol.

Antichrist means “instead of Christ.”

A cross without resurrection life is exactly that—instead of Christ.

7. The True Gospel: The Blood, the Sacrifice, the Word, the Spirit, the Resurrection

The true gospel is a fivefold revelation:

| Key Word | Biblical Power |

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The Blood Cleansing, redemption, victory
The Sacrifice Atonement, forgiveness, justification
The Word Living water, new birth, revelation
The Spirit Power, transformation, new life
The Resurrection Triumph over death, eternal life

This is the gospel the apostles preached.

This is the gospel that saves.

This is the gospel that carries power.

Conclusion: The Cross Is the Place—Not the Power

The cross was the altar.

The blood was the sacrifice.

The Word reveals it.

The Spirit applies it.

The resurrection proves it.

When these five come together, the gospel becomes:

- living
- powerful
- transforming
- Spirit-filled

- resurrection-centered

Anything less is deception.