

exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,"

### 3. The cross brings us \_\_\_\_\_ (who were \_\_\_\_\_)

**(2 Corinthians 5:18-19)** "Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, [19] that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation."

### 4. The cross brings \_\_\_\_\_ (when we were \_\_\_\_\_ to sin)

**(Romans 6:6)** "knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, ..., that we should no longer be slaves of sin."

**(Romans 6:15-16)** "What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! [16] Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, ..?"

**(Romans 6:12)** "Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts."

**(1 Peter 2:24)** "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed."

### 5. The cross brings \_\_\_\_\_ (when we were \_\_\_\_\_)

**(Romans 8:1)** "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."

**(John 3:18)** ""He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

### 6. The cross brought \_\_\_\_\_ (when we were \_\_\_\_\_)

**(1 Corinthians 2:2)** "For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

### 7. The cross proves Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ for us ( \_\_\_\_\_ and for all)

**(Romans 5:8)** "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

## The Cross: Our Boast

**(Galatians 6:14)** "But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."



**(Galatians 6:11-14)** "See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! [12] As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. [13] For not even those who are circumcised keep the law,

- but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. [14] But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."

There are seven reasons why we should glory in the cross:

#### 1. The cross is a \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ; not a \_\_\_\_\_,

**(Colossians 2:15)** "Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."

**(Genesis 3:15)** "And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

**(Galatians 6:14)**

#### 2. The cross brings \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ; not \_\_\_\_\_,

**(John 17:1)** "...: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,"

**(Philippians 2:8-9)** "And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. {9} Therefore God also has highly