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Conquering through Crucifixion
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Praise the Lord! We thank God for this retreat that is to show us the wonder of the cross. I pray that every moment we spend together, you'll experience this wonder in your life in Jesus' name. We're going to rise up as we pray together expecting that wonders will come from Calvary...that wonders will come from the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, and you'll be a partaker of that wonder in Jesus' name. Because of Calvary, because of the cross, because of the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ, your life, your family, will never be the same again. Let's close our eyes as we pray.

Almighty God, we thank You very much today because You make us to see the glorious thing, the wonderful thing that took place on the cross of Calvary. In our days of unbelief, in our days in sin, in our days in the world, in our days in darkness, we saw the dark side of Calvary. We only saw the suffering. We only saw the pain. We only saw the agony. We almost did not get out of the Garden of Gethsemane. But now as we have come into the kingdom, we now see what Calvary has accomplished.

Lord, we pray that accomplishment of Calvary will be upon every life even today in Jesus' name. That it will be upon every life around; that, Lord, internally, externally, spiritually, and physically, Calvary will have a great, great, great impact upon every life in Jesus' name. As a result of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, as a result of the cross, and as a result of the death that Christ died on Calvary, our lives will never be the same again. That wonder You had in Your heart from the foundation of the world and was manifested when Christ died at Calvary, Lord, we pray You manifest it now in every heart, every spirit, every soul, everyone in Jesus' name. You'll break every yoke. You'll destroy the works of the devil. And Calvary will have a wondrous effect in every life in Jesus' name. Be magnified and glorified, be exalted in every life...that, Lord, we (each and every one) will taste Calvary, and the power will come into our lives. And every one of us will never be the same again in Jesus' name. Effect it in every life. Thank you, Lord, because we know You have answered. In Jesus' name we pray...and everybody said, "Amen."

Thank you very much. We can sit down. We come once again to consider what took place actually at the cross. What did Christ accomplish for you and for me on the cross of Calvary? Why did Jesus go to Calvary? Why did the Almighty God, the Heavenly Father, set up a plan that He would send His only begotten Son to die for you and to die for me? What kind of victory, what kind of deliverance, what kind of redemption, what kind of dominion is coming to you and coming to me from the cross of Calvary? We need to consider it very well because there are many people that do not understand, many people are going out today and they're demonstrating and they're showing...they're trying to dramatize the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ. They will start from the betrayal. Then they will go to the crowning with thorns. Then they will go to

the crucifying of the Lord demonstrating that, dramatizing that for their neighbors to see. But many of them do not understand. They do not perceive what the Lord actually accomplished for them and for everyone on the cross of Calvary.

We don't want to be like them. We don't want to be like the people that just read the story on the surface. We want to get deep into the meaning, into the perception of what the Lord did at Calvary. Then the wonder of that redemption and the wonder of that reconciliation and the wonder of the righteousness, the wonder of the riches of the kingdom will come into your life and will remain in our lives in Jesus' name.

We're looking at the message *Conquering through Crucifixion*. That is, everyone that believes in the Lord, conquering through the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ. Acts of the Apostles, chapter 4. We're looking at the crucifixion and then the result of that, the impact of that, the effect of that in your life, in my life, in the life of everyone that will believe.

Acts, chapter 4, verse 10: ***"Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified..."*** That's the word right there. ***"...whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole."*** And then Peter and John had to emphasize to them, "The wonder you see, and the wonder of healing that this man that was born lame, this wonder that we see on him now; that wonder is by the name of Christ, by the authority of Christ. That wonder you see is done by the Lord Jesus Christ."

In verse 11: ***"This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other."*** Neither is there salvation in any other. The crucifixion made Jesus Christ peculiar, and special, and sacred, and one of His own kind. There is no comparison because there is no salvation in any other. There is no redemption in any other. There is no eternal life in any other. There is no righteousness through any other one. There is no grace that can flow into any life through any other source. This is the only source. This is the only way. This is the only avenue by which we can have the grace of God, the riches of glory, and the righteousness that comes with life eternal.

This is the only one that grants us salvation because ***"there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."*** This salvation only comes through Christ. This redemption only comes through Christ. These riches, the riches of the kingdom can only come through Christ. It is when you believe on the crucified One, when you believe on the Lamb that was slain. That's when you have this life eternal, this salvation, this righteousness.

We're looking at Revelation, chapter 5. I'm reading from verse 1. You'll see as we read along what came through that crucifixion. The very fact that Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God...He was slain. The result of that death, the result of that sacrifice, the result of that crucifixion... conquering through crucifixion. ***"And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?' And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon."***

Here, John, the beloved, saw the vision of the book in the hand of Majesty on high, in the hand of the Almighty God. Then it was a sealed book, the destiny of the whole universe contained there. The pronouncement of the Almighty God for the redemption of the whole of humanity... every race and every language and every tongue and every nation. All that hidden in that book in the right hand of the Almighty God.

Then the question was asked and a search was made: Who is worthy to open the book? Who is worthy to look therein and to read the contents of the book? And when a search was made, there was no one found in heaven, on earth, or anywhere in the whole universe.

In verse 4: *"And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, 'Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah.'"* The Lion of the tribe of Judah. The lion is the king of all the animals: fearing no one, backing off for no one, giving in or giving up to no one. The lion is the one that conquers the whole animal kingdom.

Here John said, "I beheld" when it says the Lion of the tribe of Judah... *"the Root of David, hath prevailed* [has conquered, has overcome] *to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and lo..."* He must have been looking for a lion, because the elder declared and proclaimed, "It is the Lion of the tribe of Judah that prevailed to open the book."

And when he looked for the Lion, here is what he saw (in verse 6): *"And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood..."* Who stood there? Tell me out loud. *"...a Lamb as it had been slain."* Crucified - the crucified Lord, the crucified Christ. That's the One that became the Lion of the tribe of Judah. That is the One that prevailed.

"...a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, 'Thou art worthy'..." The slain Lamb. The crucified Christ. The One that purchased our redemption by death on the cross of Calvary.

"Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and [out of every] *tongue, and* [out of every] *people, and* [out of every] *nation."* It's the crucifixion that did that, granting us redemption out of all the nations of the earth. It's the crucifixion that did that, granting us the riches of His glory. It's the crucifixion that did that, granting us righteousness, the righteousness we couldn't have by our own effort, by self-righteousness and by the good deeds that any man could do... It's the crucifixion that did that...redeeming us out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation.

In verse 10: *"And hast made us..."* It's the crucifixion that made us, that recreated us, that refashioned us, that remodeled us, that turned everything inside out and made a definite

transformation. It is the crucifixion. Now He has made us kings and priests unto our God; took us from being slaves in the slave market of sin, from being overrun, oppressed...and then from being just helpless victims of Satan...and now we've become victorious because of that crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise God for the crucifixion. I said, "Praise the Lord for the crucifixion." It has done something for us. It has done something in us. And it is doing something through us that nothing else could ever do.

He has now *"...made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches'..."* It is again...remember, it is the crucifixion that did that. He died and then He rose again.

As a result of the death, as a result of the resurrection, now He Himself is exalted. He conquered, and then He passed that to you and to me that we too, that we in Him, that we through Him, that we by Him, that we – identification with that crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ - that we can conquer, and we will conquer in Jesus' name. That through that crucifixion that he did, and effected for you and for me, on the cross of Calvary, that now we, too, can conquer with Him.

Because *"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb..."* How long? *"...forever and ever."* What Calvary did, what the crucifixion did, did not stop there that day. It continues to this day. The blessings flowing from Calvary will continue forever and ever and ever. I pray you will be a partaker of that in Jesus' name.

Conquering through crucifixion... Conquering... That suggests there is a battle. That suggests there is a conflict. That suggests there is warfare. If you're going to conquer in the warfare against Satan, if you're going to overcome in the warfare against sin, if you're going to conquer in the warfare against sickness, if you're going to conquer in the warfare in every situation of life, it is the crucifixion that brings you to this point of conquering, of overcoming. As you identify and you perceive the meaning of that crucifixion this morning, victory will come to your life in Jesus' name. You're an overcomer already because that crucifixion gives us victory. We'll have the victory in Jesus' name. I need a good, good *amen* there.

I'm going to divide the message as usual into three points:

1. *The Prediction of His Crucifixion.* The prediction. It didn't come just suddenly. It didn't come taking the Lord Jesus Christ unawares. It didn't come accidentally. It was predicted. It was prophesied. Christ Himself spoke about that crucifixion. *The Prediction of His Crucifixion.*

2. *Our Participation in His Crucifixion.* We have a part in that, too. That crucifixion comes by experience unto everyone of us too, and everywhere you see that crucifixion, there is victory. There is the overcoming life. There is the victorious life. There is the righteous life...the victory that it brings into our lives as we identify with His crucifixion. *Our Participation in His Crucifixion.*
3. *The Power in His Crucifixion.* I'm telling you there's power in this crucifixion, the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. *The Prediction of His Crucifixion.*

I showed you yesterday as we got started with the *Wonders from Calvary* how it had been prophesied that Christ will be crucified, but He Himself, Christ Himself, the Savior Himself, Our Lord Himself, the Lamb of God, Himself...He looked ahead, and He saw that crucifixion coming, and He told everyone around that He was going to be crucified.

Matthew, chapter 20...I'm reading from verse 17: ***"And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them..."*** The crucifixion was not just something that came suddenly. Even before the disciples, Jesus Christ our Lord, our Savior, that Lamb of God that came to take all the sins of the world away...He called His disciples apart, and this is what He told them, in verse 18, ***"Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to..."*** Do what? And to do what? ***"...and to crucify Him: and the third day he shall rise again."***

You see right there that Jesus knew it was coming, and He prepared for it. He prepared His spirit, His soul, His mind. He prepared everything for it. He knew He was going there to Jerusalem. There will be the betrayal. There will be the crowning with thorns. There will be the scourging and the stripes. There will be the suffering. There will be the crucifixion. He knew it and spoke about it before it came.

Chapter 26 of Matthew: The prediction of His crucifixion. Verses 1 and 2: ***"And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples..."*** Have you noticed He said some things to His disciples that He never said to the people of the world? Have you noticed He revealed the depths of knowledge and the depths of the truth about the crucifixion? He revealed that to His own disciples, and He never revealed that to the people of the world. The world remained in ignorance, but His own disciples knew it was coming.

As it was then, so it is even today, that there are many things the believers know that unbelievers don't know. And there is the victory of the cross, the conquering that comes from Calvary, that children of God today ought to know by the revelation of the Spirit. That the people of the world - those who do not have the Spirit of God - that they don't know. How we thank God and praise the name of the Lord because of this great revelation that is given unto us that the people of the world do not have.

In fact, Jesus Christ said, "Blessed are your eyes for all they see, and your ears for all they hear. Because the princes and the prophets and the people of the world have looked for these to see and to understand, and they have not understood." I praise God for you here this morning because of what you hear. Victory is coming to your soul. You are going to conquer with Christ and in Christ in Jesus' name. Because we know something the world does not know. We see something the world does not see. We perceive, we understand, what the world does not perceive, what the world does not understand.

In verse 2: ***"Ye know that after two days is the feast of the Passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified."*** The Son of Man, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of Man...the One that was sent on purpose by the Father; the Son of Man, the One that came to carry, to take away all our sins. The Son of Man, He that came to be our Savior. The Son of Man, He that came to be the final sacrifice. The Son of Man is going to Jerusalem and is going there to be crucified. The prediction of His crucifixion... and it came true exactly as He predicted it. Exactly as it was prophesied and predicted, so it came.

Matthew, chapter 27, reading from verse 33: ***"And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, they gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink [it]."*** Actually, vinegar is what they used as painkiller in those days. They wanted Him to just be able to go through the trauma and the pain of that crucifixion without feeling it too much, but Jesus rejected that.

He was willing to drink the cup that the Father had given Him to drink. He was willing to drink the cup of judgment, and the cup of the wrath of God, and the cup of agony and suffering in the crucifixion that took place on the cross at Calvary, so that He'll bear the full weight of the condemnation and the punishment of humanity, because of the evil that we have done. So He rejected the vinegar.

Then in verse 35: ***"And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, 'They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.'"*** So you will see that it was as it was predicted. Jesus Christ died a painful death, an agonizing death. He died as a substitute for you and for me. You don't have to bear the punishment anymore. You don't have to carry the pain anymore. You don't have to suffer the sickness anymore because now by His stripes we are what? By His stripes I am healed. Can you say that? "By His stripes I am healed." It is done in Jesus' name.

That's why He suffered. That's why He went to Calvary. That's why the crucifixion took place. The crucifixion was to make you conquer everything and anything that the devil might throw at you from any direction. The crucifixion was supposed to make you an overcomer. You are not a victim anymore; you're a victor because of the crucifixion in Jesus' name.

In John, chapter 19, I'm reading from verse 16: ***"Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha."*** And in verse 18 it says, ***"Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the***

midst." In verse 19: ***"And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS."*** It's actually the cross that led to the crown. That was the only way to get to the crown. That was the only way to coronation.

First of all, He died on the cross. First of all a Lamb that was slain and, after that, the Lion of the tribe of Judah. The crucifixion led to the coronation; on the cross, He went to take the crown. The King of the Jews, Jesus Christ.

In verse 23: ***"Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout."*** In verse 24: ***"They said therefore among themselves, 'Let us not rend [let us not tear] it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be:' that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, 'They parted my garment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots.' These things therefore the soldiers did."***

Let's go to verse 33. In verse 33: ***"But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his bones: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe."*** In verse 36: ***"For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, 'A bone of him shall not be broken.'" "*** Verse 37: ***"And again another scripture saith, 'They shall look on him whom they pierced.'" "***

Everything that happened to Jesus at the time of that crucifixion, from the betrayal to the mockery, to the jesting, to the insult, to the abuse, to the carrying of the cross, and to the parting of the garments, to the crucifixion itself...everything that happened until He was pierced with the spear...everything was prophesied, the prediction of the crucifixion.

I pray that as God is revealing all these things to us, we'll be partakers of the glory, partakers of the riches, partakers of the outcome of that crucifixion in Jesus' name. I pray that the crucifixion will bear a spiritual fruit in your life. I said, "You'll bear a spiritual fruit in your life." Because of the crucifixion, the power in that crucifixion, the glory in that crucifixion, the coronation in that crucifixion, the crowning in that crucifixion, you'll be a partaker of the riches of glory in Jesus' name.

As the crucifixion was predicted so our participation in that crucifixion, our identification with that crucifixion, our victory because of that crucifixion, our exaltation because of that crucifixion, our enjoyment of the riches of the kingdom because of that crucifixion was also predicted. I pray that God will open your eyes to see. You'll have a mind to understand. When you understand, the privilege of the crucifixion will come into your life in Jesus' name. I thought you'd say a greater *amen*.

2. Our partnership, our participation, our identification in His crucifixion.

As the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ came true, as it was predicted, so we ought to understand that our crucifixion, too, and the benefit of our crucifixion, too, and the glory (the exaltation of our crucifixion), too...as we believe, all that victory and all that substance and all

that exaltation and all that overcoming life, the conquering spirit coming as crucifixion will also be upon your life in Jesus' name. As it was predicted, it happened unto Jesus. As it is predicted, it will happen to you. I said, "It will happen to you." Now the crucifixion is over. The coronation and the crowing have now taken over, and the benefit is coming to your life even from this very moment in Jesus' name.

In Romans, chapter 6, verse 6...Our participation, our partnership in His crucifixion. ***"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him."*** Think about that. It says don't just talk about the crucifixion of Christ and stop there. Think about the effect in your own life. Think about the fulfillment in your own life. Think about the accomplishment in your own life: That "our old man" - that's the self within, that's the very nature of sin, and that is the very root of depravity in our lives: "our old man". That is the self. That is the nature. That is the first Adam. That is the corruption of the nature. That is the propensity to do evil. That is the power that drove us to sin. That "old man" is crucified with Him.

When that old man, your old man in particular, the one that raises up its ugly head, and the one that drives you to do what shouldn't be done, and the one that drives you to do what you do uncontrollably. When that old man is crucified, it becomes impotent and powerless and will not be able to effectively accomplish anything in your life in Jesus' name.

The old man. The old man. The root of sin. The Adamic nature. The inbred sin. The very root that causes all the fruits of sin to grow in our lives. When that old man is crucified, something new will happen in your life. Something different will happen in your life. What the Lord is expecting this morning after the message is that you will take the old man and take that old man to Calvary, the old man that compelled you to do evil. You'll take that old man to Calvary. When you take that old man to Calvary, it will be crucified. I said, "It will be crucified."

And it says in that chapter 6, verse 6: ***"Knowing this..."*** You need to know it. ***"Knowing this..."*** you need to experience it. ***"Knowing this..."*** you need to possess it. ***"Knowing this..."*** It ought to be a reality in your life as the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ was a reality. ***"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be..."*** What? Tell me. That the body of sin might be nurtured? Developed? Free to do whatever it likes? What's to happen to that body of sin? ***"...that the body of sin might be destroyed."*** ...That's the very nucleus of sin.

Let me use a word you understand. That's the one that generates other things: the generator. The one that gives active strength and power to sin, that that body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Now that body of sin that is destroyed, that old man that is crucified – Now, can you tell me its activity? Can you tell me how it operates? Can you tell me the reason why it is the urgent thing, it is the important thing, it is the indispensable thing, it is the number 1 priority thing we must do this morning, and take that old man to Calvary again to be crucified with Him? Why?

Look at chapter 7. In chapter 7, I'm reading to you there from verse 14: ***"For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal."*** When it says "I" there, it's talking about the inner man. When it says "I" there, it's talking about the Adamic nature. When it says "I" there, it's talking about the

self within. That's why we need this participation, that's why we need this partnership in the crucifixion of Christ. It says "I, I am sold under sin." ***"For that which I do I allow not."*** What the old man does within me, he said, "Me myself in my waking moments, in my reasonable life...I don't like it. I don't want it."

Can you identify with that? Are there things you do you don't appreciate? Are there places you go...it's like there is something engineering you? There's something stirring you up. There is something motivating you. There is something over controlling you. There is something driving you. You're a driven man, a driven woman. It is the self within.

That's why it says, ***"For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not."*** He said, "My head goes beyond my heart." My head knows this is the right thing to do. My head knows these are the righteous things to do. But then my heart is so weak because there is a control. The inner man, the old man, the self-nature is controlling what I do.

Then he said, ***"For what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I."*** In verse 16: ***"If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin..."*** The body of sin, the nature of sin, the inbred sin, the depraved old man, the sinful nature, the inbred sin, the uncontrollable over-driven body of sin that dwells within me...that does it.

"Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." That's why the crucifixion is so important. Christ, as we identify with Him in the crucifixion today, that body of sin will be destroyed. Give me a good, good *amen*. When you believe that and you say that to the hearing of everybody and to the hearing of Satan...as we pray and take that old man, that body of sin, and we take it to Calvary, there will be a death, crucifying blow on the old man even today in our lives in Jesus' name.

We're looking at Galatians, chapter 2, and I'm reading there to you from verse 20: ***"I am crucified with Christ."*** Once again, he's talking about our participation in that crucifixion of Christ. Don't just leave Christ there on the cross alone by Himself. Come and partake of it. Come and experience that crucifixion yourself. Let that old man, let that old nature, let that body of sin, let that inbred sin be dealt with, crucified in your life today.

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live." Nevertheless I live. He's come to the resurrection side. It says the old man has been crucified. He said, "Did you hear my story when I was weak? Did you hear my story when I was under the control of that body of sin? Did you hear my story? I wished to do good; I couldn't do it. I wished to go the right direction; I couldn't do it. There was another power controlling me. But now things are different because now I am crucified with Christ. ***"Nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."***

When that crucifixion takes place in your life, a new life will come, a new spirit will come. There will be a new springboard in your heart. You'll launch out and then you'll be able to do that which is right. Your story will no more be *what I would I do not, and the things I hate, that I do*. No, that is before you identify with crucifixion of Christ.

But when today you come to Calvary once again, when today you experience that same crucifixion of Christ and that conquering power coming from Calvary, it's transferred into your life. You will be able to say, "The life I now live...it is no more I that live that life, but Christ that liveth in me." Then he says, ***"I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."***

In Galatians, chapter 5, and I'm reading there from verse 24: ***"And they that are Christ's..."*** Those who belong to Christ, those who claim Christ as their Savior, those who have Christ as their Lord, those who did not behold only to behold Christ dying at Calvary, those who go to the side of Christ and say, "I'm dead with Him. I'm crucified with Him. I am buried with Him. And I'm risen up with Him." ...those who identify, participate with the Lord Jesus Christ...here is the experience we have.

Here is the experience we have: Every day we demonstrate (every day, wherever we go), that old man does not have power over us anymore. That old man does not conquer us anymore. That evil sin propensity doesn't have power over us anymore because according to Galatians, chapter 5, verse 24...it says, "And they that belong to Christ, they have crucified the flesh with the affections and the lusts."

What does that mean? What does that mean? They have crucified the flesh... That means that all the works of the flesh, all those things...they're no more. Look at verse 19...for they're crucified. What they have gotten rid of because they have crucified the flesh...and so the work of the flesh have no authority over them, has no hold over them, has no control over them, has no power over them anymore. As we look at this list of the works of the flesh, if any of them still has hold on you, that's evidence you need Calvary once again. Calvary will do a great work in your life in Jesus' name.

As we look at the works of the flesh, if any of the things still have any control, a controlling power, an overbearing power, a kind of unshakeable power, you can't shake yourself away from it - you say, "I am helpless. I don't know what I will do because even though I don't want any of these works of the flesh, I still find them present." Don't worry, we'll get to Calvary, and as we get to Calvary, everything will lose its power, its control, its hold upon your life, even today in Jesus' name.

Look at them: ***"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery."*** And, remember, all who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh. They have crucified adultery. Adultery is not once mentioned in their lives anymore. They live the overcoming life. Then verse 19: ***"fornication."*** When you visit Calvary and when you have that crucifixion, fornication has no interest or attraction in your life anymore. ***"uncleanness."*** Unclean language, unclean pictures, pornographic dirty pictures...you don't have any interest in that anymore. Whether people are with you or not, whether people see you or not...it doesn't draw you anymore because this is the flesh that is crucified by those who visit Calvary.

And then ***"lasciviousness, idolatry."*** You're not going to have any interest in idolatry anymore. They're not going to tell you there's one man somewhere, there's one person that is sitting on the

ground somewhere, and they're writing some things on the sand. You're not going to be interested in that anymore. Idolatry is part of the flesh that is crucified.

"Witchcraft." That has no hold upon your life. You're not interested in witchcraft anymore, and witchcraft will never have any power over your life anymore in Jesus' name. If any witch tries to put anything on you, he's wasting time because we have visited Calvary. Once we visit Calvary and we identify, we participate in the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ, witchcraft becomes powerless in every life in Jesus' name.

Then it says, **"hatred."** That's not going to be in your heart anymore. Now it's the love. Love comes through Calvary, and love comes through that crucifixion. When you have visited Calvary and the old man is crucified...it is the old man that entertains hatred. It is the old man that entertains bitterness. It is the old man that entertains the thought of revenge, the thought of retaliation.

But when that old man is crucified with Christ and now the new man is risen up. The new man only knows about love, about compassion, about mercy, about forgiveness, about forbearance. The new man does not entertain hatred. Hatred is dealt away with as we participate in the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then he goes on. It says, **"variance, emulations."** That is trying to emulate and copy the people of the world, acting like they act, and living as they live, and drinking what they drink, and smoking what they smoke, and then going to the night clubs like they do. No, because we've visited Calvary.

Then he talks about **"wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings."** Those are the works of the flesh. Come back to verse 24: **"And they that are Christ's..."** They that belong to Christ, they that identify with Christ, they have crucified the flesh and the affections and the lusts. From today, we're free. I said, "We are free." And that freedom will continue forever in our lives in Jesus' name.

Galatians, chapter 6...I'm reading from verse 14. Our partnership in His crucifixion. Our participation in His crucifixion. Because He was crucified, and we identify with Him, and then we, too, are crucified with Him. Look at verse 14 of chapter 6: **"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."**

Actually, there are 3 great enemies of the believer: Satan, self, and the world. The world will try to have authority. The world will try to have overbearing power. The world would like to have a final control over you. But when you come to Calvary once again and you identify with the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ, the world is crucified unto you, and you are crucified to the world.

That means the crucified world will not have any control over you anymore. I said, "The world will not have control over you anymore." Then you are free because you are crucified to the world and the world unto you. All those practices of the world, and all those dirty, corrupting

things in the world will not have any hold, any control, any authority, any power over you anymore. *"God forbid that I should glory, save [except] in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."*

Verse 15: *"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature."* We now become new. The old is gone. The old man is crucified. The old life is done away with. A new life, a new spirit, a new direction, a new man now gets up and that new man now lives in the victory of the cross. Now we're looking at Jesus Christ, and where He goes, we go. What He does, we do. What He says, we say because now we're living on this right hand side of Calvary.

We're look at Hebrews, chapter 12. I read there from verse 1: *"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus."* Who do we look at now? At the time of temptation, who do we look at? Tell me out loud. At a time when it appears discouragement has come in, who are you looking at? Jesus. At a time when the old man wants to rear up its ugly head again seeking to control your life again, who do you look at? Jesus.

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin." The crucified man does not just give in and give up to sin and yield to the pressure of sin and the world and Satan anymore because victory has come. I pray you will enjoy that victory in Jesus' name.

3. The Power in His Crucifixion.

The power in His crucifixion. Have you ever thought about the power, the outcome, the result, the effect of that crucifixion?

I'm going to read a familiar passage to you, and then we're going to look at that passage and try to see one important word there and see the result of that crucifixion upon your life...in my life, too, and in the life of the people who know the Lord. The effect of that crucifixion, the result of that crucifixion, the outcome of that crucifixion, the power that emanates and flows from Calvary as a result of that crucifixion.

I pray today as we see and perceive and understand this power coming from Calvary and coming into your life to give you that victory of the crucified. It will never lack again in your life in Jesus' name. If you understand this, if you can perceive this, if you can see this in your mind's eye, your victory will be a permanent victory. The overcoming life will be an ongoing overcoming life in Jesus' name.

I'm looking at Genesis, chapter 3. We've read it before. We need to read that again and pick one word there. The word that brings victory into your life. The word that transfers power from Calvary into your life. That power will come there today in Jesus' name. A good, good *amen*.

Genesis, chapter 3...I'm looking at verse 15: ***"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise..."*** That's the word. That's the word. That's the word. ***"It shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."*** You find that word *bruise* coming up 2 times. When crucifixion takes place, number 1: there is the bruising of the heel of Christ, but number 2: the bruising of the heel of Christ will result in the bruising of what? ...Of the head of the serpent, of the head of Satan, of the head of the devil. Pick up that word *bruise* and see the outcome of the crucifixion and see the result of that crucifixion. The heels of Christ were bruised. He was pierced. He was crucified. He was hung on the cross. He died on the cross. That was the worst that Satan could do, and it was to bruise His heel.

Isaiah, chapter 53. To bruise...to bruise the heel of Christ. Let's see that demonstrated. Let's see that working out. Isaiah 53, verse 5: ***"But he was wounded for our transgression."*** That word *wounded*...that is the word *to bruise* and *to wound*. ***"He was bruised for our iniquities."*** That's the word. The crucifixion was for our iniquity. The crucifixion was for our transgression. The crucifixion was for our sins. The crucifixion was the bruising of the heel of Christ. ***"He was bruised for our iniquities [and] the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes..."*** And with his stripes...and with his stripes...I am healed.

Let's look now at Romans, chapter 16. You remember the reason why God allowed the heel of Christ to be bruised is so that the head of the serpent will be bruised. That's what happened at Calvary. If you see it right now, it's going to be your experience. I said, "It will be your experience." In Romans, chapter 16, verse 20: ***"And the God of peace shall..."*** Shall? Tell me. Shall? ***"...bruise Satan under your feet shortly."*** That's the consequence of Calvary. That's the result of Calvary. That's the outcome of Calvary.

Yes, the feet of Christ had been bruised. Christ had been crucified, but the result of that, the outcome of that is that the head of the devil...Satan, the serpent...will be bruised. Here it says now that Calvary has taken place, now the crucifixion of Christ has taken place, now the very God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. It will happen now. I said, "It will happen now." When it happens, you will see it.

Colossians, chapter 2, verse 15: ***"And having spoiled principalities and powers..."*** That's the result. Bruising the devil, bruising the head of Satan, He spoiled principalities and powers. ***"...he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it."*** There is triumph now. There is victory now, because of what happened at Calvary - I have victory. I have victory because of the crucifixion of Christ.

We're looking at Hebrews, chapter 2, verse 14: ***"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death..."*** That's His crucifixion. "Through death..." That's what He suffered. "Through death..." That's what happened at Calvary. ***"...through death He might..."*** Do what? Again? Did you hear that? I said, "Did you hear?" Say it out aloud so we can hear. That ***"...he might destroy him."***

When you bruise, when you crush, when you knock the head of someone...you bruise him in the head, you destroy him. When Jesus Christ died on the cross of Calvary, here is the result. Here is the outcome. Here is the interpretation of the bruising of the head of Satan...that ***"he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."*** You are not in bondage anymore. Now you are free. Enjoy your freedom from today.

In 1 John, chapter 3, verse 8: ***"He that committeth sin is of the devil."*** Thank God I will not be of the devil. I said, "Thank God I will not be of the devil." When your sins are forgiven, when your sins are taken away, when the old man, the body of sin is crucified...and when that body of sin (not only crucified) is given a deadly blow and is taken out of control and is not sitting on the throne of your life anymore controlling your life...when that old man, when that body of sin is totally destroyed, it will not have control over you anymore. You will stop sinning, by the grace of God and the strength of the Lord, by the power of the cross of Christ in Jesus' name. Then does He give you the power to go and sin no more. Your life will be free in Jesus' name.

"He that committeth sin is of the devil..." I pray you will not be of the devil. ***"...for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might..."*** Do what? ***"...destroy the works of the devil."*** That's the result of the crucifixion of Christ. That is the outcome of Jesus Christ dying, crucified on the cross...that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Every work of devil on your children, on your family, on your business is destroyed today in Jesus' name. You are free from the works of the devil today. Because of Calvary, your business is free from the works of the devil. Because of Calvary, your family is free from the work of the devil. Because of Calvary, the Lord has set you free. You will never come into bondage anymore in Jesus' name.

Daniel, chapter 2. The bruising of the heel of Christ results in the bruising of the head of the serpent, of the devil. In Daniel, chapter 2, I'm reading from verse 40: ***"And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and..."*** Do what? ***"...bruise."*** To bruise then means *to break in pieces*. It means *to subdue*. It means *to totally destroy*.

Verse 44: ***"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces."*** Christ has come now. He's setting His kingdom in your heart. He's setting His kingdom in your family. Every power of darkness there when Christ comes...He will bruise and destroy and scatter everything of the darkness in your life, in your family, in your business in Jesus' name.

Then it says, ***"The kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever."*** The kingdom of Christ will stand forever in your family, in your life in Jesus' name. ***"Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the"***

clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure."

The interpretation is sure. I said, "The interpretation is sure." Right now, anything of the devil in your own life, in your own family...everything is going to be bruised. Everything is going to be destroyed because Jesus Christ died on the cross. Now you come to identify with Christ in His crucifixion. That identification with the crucifixion of Christ will transfer power from Calvary and transfer into your life in Jesus' name. It can happen now. I said, "It can happen now." Give a chance to the Lord and let that crucifixion take effect right now in your life.

We're going to stand up and everyone...today, we can be victors. We can be victorious. You can conquer through the crucifixion. Why don't you just open your mouth to the Lord and say, "Lord, I've seen what I've never seen before. I know now what I've never known before." Resurrection, power, authority coming into your life. This can be, and this will be, the time of the manifestation of the victory coming from Calvary upon your life in Jesus' name.

Open your mouth and talk to the Lord. Open your mouth and talk to the Lord and say, "Lord, thank you for the revelation. Thank you, Lord, for the revelation. Thank you, Lord, for the revelation." What a revelation this is. What a revelation this is...the predicted crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus was predicted, so also your own crucifixion had been predicted. So also the crucifixion of your old man has been predicted and prophesied. Let it happen today. Let it happen today. Let it happen today. Jesus spoke about it...His own crucifixion..."I'm going to the cross, and there will the Son of Man be crucified." The Lord is calling you to Calvary. The Lord is calling you to Calvary. The Lord is calling you to Calvary.

It had been predicted, let it happen today. Bring that old man to the cross today. Bring that old man to the cross today...that old man, that body of sin, that inbred sin, that nature of sin that has overbearing influence upon your life...that you cry, "The things I hate, that I do. What I would, I do not." That over-controlling power of the body of sin...bring that to the cross today and participate and identify in the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ. When that takes place in your life, that old man will be rendered worthless, powerless, useless, and will not control your life anymore.

Come to the cross. Come to the cross. Come to the cross. Come to the cross. Let the old man be crucified. Let the old nature be crucified. Let the body of sin be crucified. Don't pet that old man. Don't pamper that old man. Don't tolerate that old man. You need to be free. You don't want the body of sin to take charge of your life. You don't want the inbred sin to be the one that will control and direct your life. You want to be able to have the freedom, the liberty to do what is right. Bring that old man to Calvary. Bring that old man to Calvary and be crucified with Christ today...and be crucified with Christ today.

You do that as an individual by yourself, by yourself, by yourself. This is your decision and this is your determination...that today the old man must be crucified. You won't allow the control of

your life, you won't let the control, the direction of your life into the hand of the old man. Let it get crucified.

From the crucifixion of Jesus Christ we have redemption. From the crucifixion of Jesus Christ we have forgiveness. From the crucifixion of Jesus Christ we have salvation. From the crucifixion of Jesus Christ we have grace. From the crucifixion of Jesus Christ we have the forgiveness of God. From the crucifixion of Jesus Christ we have eternal life.

Come to Calvary. Come to Calvary. Come to Christ. Receive that right now and the Lord will do it for you just by coming, just by coming, just by coming. You can tell the Lord, "Oh Lord, I come. Oh Lord I come."

Conversion, restoration, forgiveness, salvation, righteousness, the riches of the kingdom of God...it can come right now. It can come right now as you surrender your life, surrender your heart, surrender everything, the totality of your being unto the Lord. That righteousness can come now. The riches of the kingdom of the glory can come right now to you. Surrender to Him. Surrender to Him. Yield yourself completely unto the Lord right now.

Visit Calvary. Come to Calvary. Kneel at Calvary. Plead at Calvary. Say, "Lord, Here I am. Here I am." Let Calvary bruise the head of the Evil One. Let Calvary crush out everything that is not of God that is not of the kingdom in your heart and your life. It will happen. It will happen. Come by faith. Come expecting. Come expecting. Looking unto Jesus, looking unto Jesus...He bore it all for you. He bore it all for me.

We can come to Calvary. Yes, you can come to Calvary, and let the old man be crucified. Let the old nature be crucified. Let the Adamic nature be crucified so that you can say, so that you can testify, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me. And the life which I now live, I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and He gave Himself for me."

Let it happen now. Let it happen now. Let it happen now. Come to Calvary. Come to Calvary. Come to Calvary. Then for the rest of your life, be that crucified man identifying with the crucifixion of Christ. For the rest of your life, do not allow the old man to rear up its ugly head anymore. Crucified, crucified, crucified with Christ.

Spend some time at Calvary. Don't rush in and rush out. Behold Him. See Him in your mind's eye. See Him as He died for you. See Him as He was crucified on the cross. Identify with Him. See yourself with Him identified in that crucifixion. Test it now. Experience it now. Partake of it now. Participate in the crucifixion of Christ. Let it be an experience for you...unforgettable encounter, unforgettable experience.

Let it happen. Let it happen...that you're identified with Christ crucified...identified with Christ crucified. The old man is crushed. The old man is bruised. The old man is destroyed. The power of the old man is neutralized in your life...crucified, crucified, and crushed so that the old man doesn't direct your life anymore. The old nature does not control your life anymore. The works of the flesh...they are all crucified. They do not rear their ugly heads anymore. The adultery

crucified, the fornication crucified, and the pornography, uncleanness crucified. The hatred crucified, the man is crucified. The world crucified unto you and you crucified to the world.

A new life, a new life, a new life has now begun because now we're risen together with Christ after the crucifixion. Accept it, believe it, embrace it, and possess it. Claim it to be yours...the crucified life. Claim it to be yours...the crucified life. It will be unto you as you believe it, as you accept it, as you embrace it...crucified.

Do you remember what power flows out from Calvary? Do you remember what authority flows out from Calvary? Do you remember the bruising of the head, the crushing of the head, the breaking of the head of the devil, the destruction of the works of the devil as a result of the crucifixion? Why don't you present every work of the devil in your body, in your life, in your family before the Lord right now? Let all those works of the devil be totally neutralized, nullified, destroyed, gotten rid of...from your life.

His feet have been bruised already. His feet have been bruised already. The outcome of that, the result of that, the consequence of that is the bruising of the head of the serpent. Don't allow any serpent to crawl in your life, on your back, in your body, your brain, on your family, on your children, on your husband, on your wife anymore. God forbid...it should not be again. That serpent's head has been bruised. Don't allow any work of the devil to take supremacy in your life anymore. God forbid. Because of the bruising of the head of that enemy, of the devil, it is done. Accept it and believe it and embrace it. Then you will experience it.

It is done. It is done. I said, "It is done." I said, "It is done." You are free, and I am free. The devil has been overcome. His head has been bruised. He will not operate unchallenged in your life, in my life, in your family, in my family, in your business, in our ministry anymore in Jesus' name. We rejoice together today because we have conquered. We have conquered because of Calvary. We have conquered because of crucifixion. We have conquered every power of the enemy, and the devil has been bruised and totally destroyed out of our lives in Jesus' name.

Raise your voice to the Lord and say, "I've conquered." Raise your voice to the Lord and say, "I've conquered." Rejoice and celebrate because of that conquering, because of that victory, and because of that thing that Calvary has done for you and has done for me. Raise your hand and raise your voice and raise your heart unto the Lord. I have conquered. I have conquered. I have conquered. I have overcome. I have overcome. Calvary, Calvary, Calvary has given me the victory today. Yes, it is done. Yes, it is done. Yes, it is done because Calvary has settled it all.

Crucifixion brings the victory. Praise the Lord. Keep on rejoicing. Keep on rejoicing. It's in that rejoicing you'll experience that victory, that conquering spirit. Praise the Lord. Praise Him. Praise Him. Praise Him. Crucifixion conquers the devil, conquers the demons, conquers disease, conquers every negative thing in your life. Crucifixion...the crucifixion of Jesus Christ brings the victory. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice. Yours is the victory. Mine is the victory. Glory, victory, conquering...the victorious Spirit now dwells within us...the Spirit that conquers...the Spirit that conquers...the Spirit that conquers.

Bold, victorious, fearless, conquering, marching on. Because of Calvary, because of Calvary, because of Calvary, it is done. It is done. It is done. It is done. It is done! In Jesus' name we pray!! Everybody say, "I have the victory. I am more than a conqueror. I have been to Calvary. I am crucified with Christ. The head of the enemy has been bruised on my behalf. Now I have the victory. Now I experience the victory. Now I enjoy the victory. It will be with me forever. It will be with me forever. Amen."

Father, in the name of Jesus, we thank You today because You have shown us a fresh vision of Calvary, a fresh vision of the crucifixion, a fresh understanding of the cross. We pray, oh Lord, that victory we have got from the crucifixion of Christ...we'll never lose it in Jesus' name. I pray for every brother, I pray for every sister. I pray that victory will come to every life...victory over sin, victory over sickness, victory over Satan, victory in all circumstances of life. Let it come now in Jesus' name.

The heels of Christ were bruised for us. The head of the devil has been bruised and crushed and scattered on our behalf in Jesus' name. He will never rise to control our lives anymore. Now we have the victory. Now we have the victory. Now *you* have the victory. This victory you've got, you will never lose it in Jesus' name.

Your children will have this victory. Your husband will have this victory. Your wife will have this victory. In your business you will see this victory. Everywhere you go, you'll see the victory in Jesus' name. Impossibilities will become possible now because your archenemy, the devil, has been bruised in the head. We clear him out of the way. Satan, the children of God are coming. Clear out of the way now in Jesus' name.

We thank You because we know You have answered. We thank You because we know You have answered. Lord, Lord we thank You because we know You have answered! In Jesus' name we pray!! Amen!!! And, everybody said....

I pray your victory will be permanent in Jesus' name.