

The Meaning of the Cross

It Means Victory

Luke 23.44-46, 24.1-6a

If the Cross of Christ means forgiveness and hope, then ultimately it means victory.

Victory Over What?

1John 5.4-5 NIV 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

Genesis 2. 17a . . .but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, . . . Gen. 3.5,6 . . . and you will be like God, . . . and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

Genesis 2.17b . . .for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die. Gen. 5.5 So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.

How is it possible for us to have victory over sin and death?

Victory Over Sin

44 It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour, 45 because the sun was obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn in two.

46 And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." Having said this, He breathed His last.

Jesus defeated the power of sin for all of us

If you are a follower of Jesus, your sins are gone, paid for at the cross. They have no power of you. They will not condemn you. Your sins are defeated for all eternity.

Victory Over Death

5b Why do you seek the living One among the dead?

6 He is not here, but He has risen.

Jesus defeated the power over death for all of us.

Jesus came to defeat sin and death and give us eternal life with God.

If you are a follower of Jesus, you have victory over sin and death. You have Eternal Life with God. Sin and Death are defeated for all eternity.