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The Cross - Do you see the resurrected life living in you and through you?
Psalms 98:6 Give God the glory due his name: bring an offering and come into his courts. Are we bringing God glory by walking in the success of the cross?

The Great Exchange

Jesus took what we had-sin guilt sorrow guilt loneliness, sickness
Jesus gave us all that he had. **John 1:12-13, 16** His name, His honor, His glory **John 17:23**

Examine yourself- **2 Peter 1:3** Do you understand that Jesus provides everything? If not, you are not seeing the cross as a success!

He gave us His position

Jesus gave us his position as a son

2 Peter 1:17 Jesus came to His glory when he heard the Father say, you are my beloved son in whom I am well pleased.

Hebrews 1 Jesus was the heir of his father (V 1-2). He inherited his father's name and his position (V4,8).

Hebrews 2:5-10 God has given man dominion over all things because Jesus died our death and thereby secured our position as a son for us.

Hebrews 2:3 Don't neglect your salvation- the position that Jesus secured for mankind. We are sons and daughters of the most high God filled with the same glory and honor that Jesus was filled with. Jesus is not ashamed to call us brothers. **Hebrews 2:11** Do we believe that the cross was a success?

John 17:9 As the Father has loved me, so love I you, continue in my love.

Jesus told us to continue in that same manner. He tells us to love as he loved, to bear one another's burdens, to lay down our life for our brothers.

We are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We are now Jesus to this world,

How do we see others? Do we see them in light of the success of the cross?

Luke 6:32-36 children of the highest love their enemies

Romans 12:17-21 20- an act of kindness to one that has offended you tears down the wall-we overcome evil with good. How did Jesus approach others? How did he approach the woman caught in adultery? How did he approach Zaccheus and what were the results of his approach?

The # 1 priority in your life is to understand how much God loves you because it will affect how you continue.

Psalms 96:1-3

***Psa 96:1** O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. **2** Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. **3** Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.*

Shew forth- cheerully announce, publish good news

Salvation - saved, victory, prosperity, health-**The success of the cross**

Announce the good news to the people of the earth. The cross was a success! That is how we bless His name.

***Psa 96:10** Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.*

***Psa 96:13** Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.*

What are we declaring among the heathen; Among those that have rejected him, those that have rejected us, those that don't think like us, those that are our brothers?

Isaiah 29:13 The preecepts of Men and religion concerning God are based on fear. Where kind of ideas about God are being passed on to others by those who do not understand how much God loves them?

Genesis 3:7-10 There are three major world views concerning the way man approaches God. Every one of them came about based on the way man viewed the events in Genesis concerning the fall of Adam and Eve.

Genesis 3:7 *And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. 8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, *Where art thou?* 10 And he said, *I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.**

The first viewpoint is based upon Adam and Eve' realization that they were naked, or in other words, they saw themselves guilty before God. From this comes the sin/guilt approach to God. This approach is common in Europe, and in the US and it originated in the Roman Empire where Roman law was the supreme authority. The law defines right and wrong and a deviation from the law defines man's sin and guilt.

The second approach came from the interpretation of the fact that Adam and Eve hid themselves because they were ashamed to face God. From this comes the approach to God that is based on honor/shame. This approach is common in the Middle East and Asian countries. When someone dishonors God, or his family he must be punished for the shame that he brings to God.

The third approach is based on the fact that Adam and Eve were afraid.

The fear approach to God is prominent among people living in Africa, the islands, and the native Indigenous people in the Americas where they practice witchcraft and voodoo. Everything revolves around satisfying an angry God or gods.

None of these approaches deliver what people are longing for because they were precepts of men. Adam and Eve tried to discern the things of the kingdom with their natural understanding. The things of the kingdom can only be spiritually discerned.

The cross was a success. It took away bridged guilt, shame and fear

Isaiah 53:3 *He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.* ***5*** *But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

Jesus was wounded for our transgressions. He took our guilt. Jus us was despised and rejected. He took care of our shame. The chastisement of our peace was upon him. He took care of our fears.

How does Jesus love people? . . So have I loved you. He loves them the way that the Father loves Him.

Jesus only did what he saw his father do!

John 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

The Father gave the son a revelation of His love for him and this equipped the son to love others as the Father loved him. Every response to the circumstances that he faced and every interaction with the people He came in contact with was a direct reflection of the love that He was loved with.

Jesus only did what the Father spoke to Him; He loved! He duplicated His Father's works!

Luke 23:34 from the cross Jesus spoke, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

1 Corinthians 2:2,4 I determined to know nothing among you but Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Paul said that the cross is what defines men, not the things of the flesh.

Jesus died for the sins of the whole world-love responds to everyone the same. Everyone is looking for the same thing; a sense of value and a sense of identity that is secure in God's love.

Is our response to people based on condemnation, shame or fear, or is it based on God's love? Fear causes us to fight those who are different and make judgments: I'm right you are wrong.

There is a group that is coming to the fore front all over the world called ISIS. The world is responding in fear. What is behind ISIS? These people are recruits from all over the world who are looking for a sense of identity. They are people who are trying to find themselves. They are promised a sense of value by their recruiters and they want it so badly that they are willing to strap a bomb on themselves and die for it. They are looking for what nothing else has been able to provide for them, and ultimately ISIS can't provide it either. They are looking for a God who loves them.

Nothing stands between man and God. Not shame, not guilt, not fear!
THE CRISIS WAS A SUCCESS!

Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. **8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. **10** For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. **11** And not only so, but we also joy in God

through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Love one another as he has loved you: He loves you unconditionally: Love initiates love! The multitudes responded to the love that Jesus loved them with and followed Him!

I received a word from God in January that Suzan and I would begin to be involved with a different kind of evangelization. How do we evangelize people? We simply approach people with the same love and compassion that Jesus approached people with.

People recognize our motives and the intent of our heart when we approach them. They recognize hidden agendas. Are we more in love with the message than we are in love with people? Are we telling people that if they don't repent of their sins God can't love them and they will go to hell, or are we telling people that God loves them so much that he wants to deliver them from the things that are bringing condemnation into their lives? The love of God disarms people! When we present the Father and Jesus in such a way they feel free to boldly to them in their time of need, they will find what they are looking for. **Hebrews 4:14-16** God loves man so much that he has provided everything that he will need in order to live a victorious life. Man just doesn't know that! That is the true message! We have seen walls go down and more people open up their hearts to the Gospel by simply being Jesus to the people.

In Salinas Ecuador God used our team to raise a baby from the dead. That act of compassion caused people to follow us like they followed Jesus. In Machala, Ecuador we ministered the love of God in a park. We simply told people that God loved them unconditionally and He wanted to minister to their needs. The people voluntarily came to us after they saw what we were doing. In fact they lined up to wait for their turn.

In Nicaragua we went through out the neighborhoods proclaiming Gods love for the people in the same manner. On the following Monday, the pastor of a church in the area called and said, "How did you do that? On Sunday my church was full of people from the neighborhood where you ministered. Not only did they come to church but they wanted to be saved. We have tried to get people from the neighborhood to come to church for years with no success."

Are we giving God glory due his name? The cross changed everything

Examine yourselves

1Jn 4:9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, ***that we might live through him.*** 1Jn 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that **he loved us**, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1Jn 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ***ought also to love one another.***

True communion with God comes when we live the success of the cross. It brings Him the glory due His name.