

# The Cross Changed All That

The Power of the Cross

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# INTRODUCTION

One greatest event in history that changed the course of human history was THE CROSS OF CHRIST.

Jesus came to effect a New Testament / covenant but until after His death on the cross, the covenant could not take effect. That was why there were many things He could not tell His disciples, because they could not understand it yet.

Even though Christ has been crucified almost 2000 years ago, many believers today still live as if He had not been crucified. Many live as if they are still under the Old covenant. They do not understand the power of the cross.

Several things changed after the cross in the way we view and approach God. Those are basically what we are examining in this note. We went into the specifics of some of those things and how they changed after the cross.

I also added a bonus message which examined the actual cost of discipleship. That is a different topic on its own. But you will enjoy it and be so blessed by it too.

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Read slowly, prayerfully and meditatively. And don't forget to share with others the joy you found in Christ as we examine the power of the cross.

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# **The Cross Changed All That.**

## **(The Power of the Cross)**

The cross of Christ is the best thing that ever happened to humanity. On the cross, our debt was paid, our legal indebtedness was cancelled. Man and God became reconciled. Sin, the legal wall of separation was removed, it lost its power over us. And man was joined unto God in Christ - all on the cross.

**On the cross, Divine Justice Kissed Divine Mercy. And the Product is A NEW BREED - THE NEW CREATION. Glory.**

This New Breed is governed by a new law, not the law that was coded on the tablet of stone but that which is inscribed on the heart of men. It has new way of life; it is called the Way of the Spirit.

However, many do not know this. They still try to live the New covenant in the blood of Jesus using the old way. They try to pour the New Wine into the Old wines in. The result is wastage, spillovers...

No wonder Jesus said to the Disciples in John 16: 12 - 13.

"I still have MANY THINGS to say unto you but you CAN NOT bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come."

Things Jesus needed to tell His disciples after the cross were much more and greater than what He told them while He was on earth. Because they were operating under the Old covenant then and He could NOT speak the New Testament things.

**Now, let us also focus on some specifics. Some of things Jesus preached while on earth but lost their emphasis after the cross. Why? Because the cross made all the difference. His death and resurrection changed everything.**

## **Section 1: THE "LORD'S PRAYER"-After the Cross.**

When Jesus was on earth, He taught His disciples a prayer prototype, which the people later titled the Lord's prayer. So many believers and churches still recite this prayers thoughtlessly today. But so many elements of this prototype prayer have been changed after the cross, this understanding will produce accuracy in relating with God. We are going to examine some of those elements:

### **1. "Our Father, who art in heaven..."**

Before the cross, God was far from us. He was in heaven. Sin separated us from Him. (Isaiah 59:2). That was why they had to always pray facing a particular place to access the presence of God in the Old Testament.

But after the cross, God's dwelling came unto man. God started residing in man. We became His very temple - His very house.

"Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?..." 1 Corinthians 3:16

"For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE" 2 Corinthians 6:16

Hear this specific instruction of how to perceive and approach the Lord after the cross:

"6. But the righteousness that is by faith says: "DO NOT SAY in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down)

7. Or, 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." 8But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming" Romans 10:6-8

Glory!!!

Don't relate or pray to God as if He is far in heaven anymore. Relate with Him within you right here, right now. Because in Him we live, we move and have our being. We are now in Him. He is now in us. Right now, Right Here. Alleluyah.

## **2. "Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven..."**

Kingdom simply means THE king-domain, where the king reigns. God's kingdom means where God reigns and dominates.

As at when Jesus was teaching this prayer, the kingdom of God was close at hand. He therefore instructed His disciples to intercede with Him that God's kingdom would come and His will to be done here on earth. He wanted them to partner in the bringing in of the kingdom.

However, after the cross, WE RECEIVED AND BECAME THE KINGDOM OF GOD, where God reigns through.

### **Hebrews 12:28**

"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:"

### **Romans 14:17**

"For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

Not only did we receive the Kingdom of God, we became the kingdom of God. Because we became the righteousness of God. And that is His Kingdom - righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

So, after the cross, we don't pray that His kingdom come. He is already here. We pray that we should manifest the Glory of His kingdom to our world. We should manifest the power of His kingdom, that should become our prayers.

## **3. "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. If you don't forgive men their sins, your heavenly father will not forgive you your sins."**

Before the cross, God's forgiveness was dependent on our forgiveness. Man had to forgive first before he could get God's forgiveness. It was more like earning God's forgiveness by forgiving your fellow humans.

However, after the cross, the disciples would not say such prayers. Because the Holy Spirit revealed to them that this was no longer the correct order. After the cross, God's forgiveness is a gift, freely given to those in Christ.

Ephesians 1:7

" In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace"

So, the new order after the cross is that GOD'S FORGIVENESS COMES FIRST, WHICH OVERFLOWS TO MAN'S FORGIVENESS.

Let's see it clearly the Epistles:

**Ephesians 4:32**

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as IN CHRIST, GOD FORGAVE YOU."

Do you see that? You should forgive, the way God forgave you in Christ. Meaning you are first of all forgiven in Christ.

The only reason you are forgiven is because you are IN CHRIST. It is the Gift of God. Christ paid for it on the cross.

Let us see another verse that confirms the same thing:

**Colossians 3:13**

"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. FORGIVE AS THE LORD FORGAVE YOU."

After the cross, we don't forgive to be forgiven, we forgive because we are forgiven. So stop thinking you must deserve God's forgiveness by any works you do, including your own forgiveness.

You are forgiven totally in Christ. Sins are no longer counted against you. Receive this unconditional forgiveness freely from Christ, so that you can forgive others from the same forgiveness you received. Glory.

## **Part 2: CARRYING YOUR CROSS - THE DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM – After the Cross.**

While Jesus was on earth, He taught about discipleship and cost of discipleship. Let us examine one of such verses:

### **Luke 14:26 - 27**

“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. 27 And whoever does not carry his cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple”

Scary, isn't it?

To even be his disciples, these are what you must do? Who then can be his disciple?

Now, carefully follow me as we go thru this.

After the cross, did you ever read a single verse where the disciples transferred this condition to any other person?

**NOT AT ALL IN ACTS OR IN THE EPISTLES. THE DISCIPLES NEVER CARRIED THIS ON.**

When the first Gospel was preached by Peter on the day of Pentecost, and people asked "How can we be saved?" Did Peter tell them all these qualifications, to be saved and be Christ's disciples?

### **Acts 2:37-38**

"37. Now when they heard this, they were acutely distressed and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "What should we do, brothers?" 38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. "

Do you see that? Let me show you another instance. When the jailor asked Paul and Silas how to be saved after the angel broke the prison doors open.

### **Acts 16:31**

"He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household."

Let us see yet another verse

Romans 10:9

"If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

## **The Modifications to Discipleship Program after the Cross:**

### **#1. After the cross, Every Believer is a Disciple.**

Before the cross, Jesus had a set of people called disciples, who He was training to continue ministry after He left. Because, then, the Holy Spirit was not yet in them, so He had to train them externally and not just anybody could join this group, so He added those conditions. These group of disciples were different from others who just believed. So, before the cross, not every believer was a disciple..

However, after the cross, there was no longer a separate group called disciples. Every believer is called a disciple. So there was no longer a separate cost of discipleship to count to follow Christ. Every believer is committed to extend the frontier of God's kingdom everywhere.

Do you notice that later in Acts when persecution broke out and they all scattered from Jerusalem, they were ALL preaching the Gospel everywhere they went - ALL THE BELIEVERS. Because they were ALL disciples.. THERE WERE NO LONGER A CORE GROUP, WHO MUST COUNT SOME COST TO FOLLOW CHRIST. EVERY BELIEVER IS AUTOMATICALLY A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST. EVERY BELIEVER IS A PRIEST.

**#2. After the cross, Discipleship became Inwardly Motivated and Empowered by the Holy Spirit.** When Jesus gave this instruction, the Holy Spirit was not yet given to the disciples, so everything must be externally motivated.

However, after the cross, it is not as if you wont deny yourselves, but it is no longer a condition, it is now something being worked from within each believer to live a self-denied life and I will explain how later.. IT IS NO LONGER GOING TO BE DONE IN THE ARMS OF FLESH BUT BY THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT.

After the cross, the Holy Spirit now empowers every believer to live the life of Christ's followership without stress. Hence there is no need to count the cost,



because the Holy Spirit bears the cost. He helps you go through everything you will go through.

It is no longer some condition to fulfill to become Christ's disciples. ONLY BELIEVE IN CHRIST. And you are empowered to live for Christ. Alleluyah.

### **#3.The Individual Cross - The Modification:**

While mentioning the cost of discipleship, Jesus talked about "each person must bear his own cross". Some have misinterpreted this to push the Gospel of sufferings, however, we must stay within the Bible to interpret itself.

When we study the Epistles, the only places where the cross was mentioned as per individual believers gives us beautiful contexts. Let us explore them:

**"Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified (nailed to the cross) the flesh with its passions and desires." Galatians 5:24**

**""I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. " Galatians 2:20**

Thus, when Jesus said we should carry our cross to follow Him, what this means in the light of the Epistles (after the cross) is that **EVERY BELIEVER IS CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST. OUR CROSS IS CHRIST'S CROSS. When Jesus was being crucified, we were crucified with Him, we were also raised with Him in the newness of life.**

**So to carry your cross means to renew your mind to the reality of your crucifixion with Christ. To reckon that you are dead to sin. To count yourself crucified to the flesh and its passion/ pleasures.**

We do this by continually beholding God's Word about our death to the flesh and being alive to God, thus we renew our minds to the Truth. That is how to carry your cross.

So, dear believer, you are Christ's disciple. The Spirit is working within you to manifest your Sonship. You have what it takes to take the Gospel of the Kingdom to the very end of the earth. Tap into your inner anointing and do great things for

God's kingdom. You don't have to be a full time minister before you can make a difference. Preach the Gospel in your areas of influence. No need to count the cost. Holy Spirit has counted it for you and He has decided you are well able.  
**BECAUSE HE IS YOUR ABILITY.**

### **Part 3: THE LAW - AFTER THE CROSS EFFECT.**

Before the cross, Jesus said, **He did not come to abolish the law but to fulfill it.**

However, on the cross, Jesus proclaimed "it is finished". He finished fulfilling the law on our behalf. Hence the law has been fully fulfilled in Christ.

So, let's see the Scripture after the cross:

"For Christ is the END of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes."  
Romans 10:4

**Christ has fulfilled and ended the law. We are no longer to live by the law, but by the Spirit.**

Now, I want to explain briefly what it means that Christ ended the law, because I read some people's comments recently what showed me a lot of people do not understand what this means:

### **What It Means that Christ Ended the Law**

**#1. Christ ended the law does NOT mean it is now okay to live contrary to the moral principles of the law.**

For instance, the law says "Thou shall not kill"... Christ ended the law does NOT mean it is now acceptable to kill. NO, it is still not right to kill. That will be lawlessness. That is not what the New Testament promotes.

**#2. Christ ended the law means we are no longer subject to the LEGAL terms of the law. ALL THE LAWS HAVE BEEN FULFILLED ON OUR BEHALF.**

Now, understand that the law is MORE than moral principles. The law have LEGAL TERMS, it came with curses and blessings. Blessings for fulfilling the law, and curses for not fulfilling the law. And since no man could fulfill the law, men were subjected to the curse of the law.

However, Christ has fulfilled the law on our behalf, hence we have been redeemed from the curse of the law.

**Galatians 3:13 - 14.**

"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole. so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith."

**So, Christ redeemed us from all the curses of the law, because He fulfilled the law for us, so we can go ahead and enjoy all the blessings offered by the law.** Not because of what we have done, but because of what He has done.

SO, YOU ARE FREE TO OPEN TO EXODUS OR DEUTORONOMY WHICH SAYS "If you fulfill the following, these blessings shall be unto you.... "

YOU CAN BEGIN TO CLAIM THE BLESSINGS BECAUSE CHRIST HAS FULFILLED ALL THE CONDITIONS FOR YOU.

That is what it means that Christ has ended the law. He ended the curses attached to not fulfilling the law. But we still enjoy HIS UNCONDITIONAL BLESSINGS.

Glory to Jesus!

### **#3. Christ has ended the law means we are no longer to live by the codes of the law. Such codes do no longer apply to us.**

Those are externally coded and it actually leads to more consciousness of sin, thereby promoting sins.

**WE ARE FREE FROM THE CODES OF THE LAW.** We do no longer need to read the law to live right. We are no longer subject to the codes of the law.

Jesus took those **LEGAL** codes (records of our indebtedness) and nailed it to His cross.

#### **Colossians 2:14**

“having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.”

**WE HAVE A LAW WITHIN US - IT IS CALLED THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS.** We enjoy life in Christ Jesus by His Spirit.

That is how to live. **WE LIFE BY FOCUSING ON THE FINISHED WORKS OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS,** and we are empowered by the Holy Spirit within us. Glory to Jesus.

## **Summary and Recapping:**

Now, I believe after reading this note, you are enlightened more about the New Testament. How we are to live the New Testament after the cross. We are no longer to see God from afar. He is very near. We should feel free to relate with Him so closely. We no longer go to His presence. We have become His presence.

Also, we should not see His kingdom as something far. His kingdom is within us. His rulership is within us. We should therefore extend the effect of His kingdom to the world around us by preaching the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In addition, we should understand that our total forgiveness from the Lord is a Gift, it is unconditional and irrevocable. We don't forgive to be forgiven. We forgive because we have been freely forgiven in Christ.

Also, every of God's son is His disciple. We don't need to engage in the acts of flesh, counting the cost, because WE ARE WELL ABLE. HE IS OUR ABILITY. WE LIVE BY THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT. HE HELD US FIRM, WE DON'T HOLD OURSELVES.

In the same way, we carry our cross by daily identifying with the cross of Christ, and by acknowledging that WE HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST. We are dead to sin, to the law, to the flesh and everything that negates righteousness. WE ARE ONLY ALIVE TO GOD. We should renew our minds to this Truth daily. That is how to carry our cross.

Lastly, Christ has ended the law. The cross of Christ has delivered from the legal codes of the law. We no longer live by the law. We live by the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. Jesus already fulfilled all the legal requirements of the law on our behalf. We live by His Spirit and let Him work out His good works from within us. Glory to Jesus.

Live me your comments below (let me know the specific that blessed you the most).

You are flamboyantly accepted in Christ.

I love you eternally in Christ.!!!

# The True Cost of Discipleship.

## What exactly does it take to follow Jesus?

We have been told in the past "You must leave all your sins in order to follow Jesus" The question is "If a sinner can leave his sins, why then does he need a Savior". That means he could save himself.

Jesus never told anyone to leave his sins in order to follow Him. Not even did he tell any of His physical disciples to leave their sins. Not once.

When He called Peter and other disciples, He never talked about their sins. All He needed was that they left their earthly businesses and their physical securities to follow Him.

## What exactly did Jesus say we should leave to be His disciples?

### **Luke 14:26**

"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

Here Jesus was talking about leaving / hating those things that we are proud of, our worldly supports (Father, Mother, Sisters, Brothers), and Our worldly accomplishments (Wife, Children), things of personal worth and security (his own life). THESE ARE GREAT ASSETS AND SECURITIES TO ANYONE; THEY ARE THE THINGS THAT LEAD TO CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH.

Jesus role in our lives is to be the Savior, the Life Giver. And He needs us to leave those things we have relied on in the past. Things that constitutes our supports and security: our own righteousness.

BECAUSE JESUS WANTS TO BE ALL IN ALL TO US. HE CANNOT SHARE HIS GLORY WITH ANY OF OUR PERSONAL SECURITY. That is why we must leave all our self-righteousness and cling unto His own righteousness alone.

## **Hear what He told a church who relied on their riches**

### **Revelations 3:17**

"You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked."

Anything you have that leads to self-dependency instead of Christ's dependency leads you to confidence in the flesh, instead of rejoicing in Christ Jesus.

### **Philippians 3:4**

"For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh" Wooow.

Where are you putting your confidence?

IN CHRIST JESUS OR IN YOURSELF?

Do you glory in Christ Jesus or in your flesh?

Hear what Jesus told the rich young man that came to him to ask for eternal life. After he confirmed that he has been keeping the Moses law from his youth, and that is where his confidence was.

Jesus told him the main thing that mattered.

"SELL ALL YOU HAVE. GIVE THEM TO THE POOR AND FOLLOW ME."

Wooow. That is the true cost of discipleship.

" Leave all those riches. All those things that look nice on you. All those things you use to qualify yourself as a good and decent person, Jesus said "Leave them. Come just as you are. Just you. And follow me. I must become all in all to you. I must become your Security, not your money. I must become your Savior, not the law. Come and follow me."

But the man went away sorrowfully because He could not leave those things that sustained him and allow Christ to be His all in all.

The same things remain today. Those who rely on themselves and their ability to please God cannot be Christ's disciples. Because they will go about to establish their own righteousness instead of submitting to Christ's Righteousness.

### **Romans 10:3**

"For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness"

To follow Christ is to submit to His righteousness. That is the true cost of discipleship.

Let's check the early disciples. When Jesus called them, He never asked them to leave their sins but their worldly securities. That is what it means to believe in Christ.

TO BELIEVE IN CHRIST IS TO LOOSE CONFIDENCE IN EVERYTHING ELSE AND SEE HIM ALONE AS YOUR SALVATION. ANY FAITH LESS THAN THIS IS NOT A SAVING FAITH.

No wonder Jesus said

**"Blessed are the POOR IN THE SPIRIT. FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD"**

Until you declare SPIRITUAL BANKRUPTCY, YOU ARE NOT READY FOR THE SAVIOR.

**Jesus will only save those who cannot save themselves. Until you are ready to let Him save you, your sins remain and you can keep trying all you want.**

Hear what Jesus told the church in Revelations who was claiming to be rich and relying on the flesh instead of on Christ. Hear His counsel to them:

### **Revelations 3:18**

"I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see."



Woow. Jesus was simply saying "Anything that originates from you has no eternal value. Only my righteousness counts. Buy gold from me and white robe of righteousness -ALL FROM ME"

## **How much does it cost to get all these from Christ?**

### **Isaiah 55:1**

"“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has NO MONEY, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

The cost of Christ's Righteousness is NO MONEY.

If you have money to buy, you are disqualified. OTHERWISE GRACE WILL NO LONGER BE GRACE. YOU MUST HAVE NO MONEY TO QUALIFY FOR THIS. YOU MUST COME TOTALLY EMPTY TO CHRIST.

### **Romans 11:6**

"And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace."

Did you read that?

Jesus would not mix His Grace with your works. It's either He is your Savior or you are your Savior. He does NOT need to mix your work with His Grace.

HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT (ENOUGH)- HE TOLD PAUL THAT.

2 Corinthians 12:9

"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

Your weaknesses are no problems to Him. They are the perfect reasons for His strength on your behalf.

IT IS AN INSULT ON CHRIST TO THINK YOU NEED TO ADD TO HIS FINISHED WORKS ON THE CROSS FOR YOUR ETERNAL SALVATION. That is why YOU MUST LEAVE ALL TO FOLLOW HIM TO ACCEPT HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Let's hear from Paul what he left to follow Christ. The cost of discipleship in the life of Paul.

Philippians 3:7-8

"But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ."

Verse 7 (BSB)

"But whatever was an asset to me, I count as loss for the sake of Christ."

Wooooooooooooooooow!!!

For Paul to gain Christ, he had to let go of those things that were his assets, things that were his security.

Before we look at what Paul was talking about, let me give you example. If we ask some believers now, "Do you think of Jesus comes, you will go with Him?"

Their replies will tell you those things that are assets to them.

Many will tell you that with how prayerful and faithful they are and their good behavior, they think they are ready for Christ. Those are their assets.

**TO GAIN CHRIST, YOU MUST LET GO OF YOUR ASSETS, THOSE THINGS THAT SERVE AS YOUR SECURITY. CHRIST ALONE MUST BE YOUR SECURITY.**

**Now let's see what were Paul's assets which he counted as loss in order to gain Christ. They were very good "religious qualities"**

**Philippians 3:4-6**

"... If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more. circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault."

Do you see Paul's great assets? But in order to follow Christ and gain Christ, he had to let go of his assets. So must you.

As I end this message, be aware that Christ is only committed to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him and Him alone, NOT those who are mixing Him with some personal assets.

**Hebrews 7:25**

"Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them."

**Do you come to God through CHRIST ALONE? Or are you mixing Him with some of your works and assets?**

Remember, Christ will only be your Savior when you leave all those assets and put your 100% trust in Him alone, not in your service, not in your sacrifice, not in your religious services, not in your fasting and praying, not in your giving, not in your performances, BUT IN CHRIST ALONE. THIS IS THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP. THIS IS THE LIFE OF GRACE. THIS IS LIFE OF SABBATH - REST FROM YOUR WORKS AND REST ON HIS OWN WORKS.

Let's end with this song.

IN CHRIST ALONE. MY HOPE IS FOUND.

"In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand"

I love you eternally in Christ. Thank you Jesus.