



“The Heart & Center for Life”

A look at the CROSS (3)

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Text: Galatians 6:14 & Others

“But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”

*There is a fountain
Filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel’s veins,
And sinners plunged
Beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains....
(THERE IS A FOUNTAIN – William Cowper)*

The Cross.....

**TRANSFORMS OUR R_____ OF
TO GOD**

2 Corinthians 5 says, *“...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself...”*

From the action on the Cross we have relationship with the holy God. That spills out into a marked ability for...

• B_____ –

“...in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²...we have boldness and access with confidence... (to God)” (Ephesians 3:11b-12a).

• LOVE –

“We love because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19).

• J_____ –

“mouths were filled with laughter” and “tongues with songs of joy” (Psalms 126:2).

The Cross....

**TRANSFORMS OUR A_____ OF
OURSELVES**

The Cross of Christ calls us *both* to deny self and affirm self.

• SELF-DENIAL –

Mark 8:34 says, *“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”*

• SELF-AFFIRMATION –

A clear, unobstructed view of the Cross of Christ can, will and does alter our perception of who we are: Precious.

The Cross....

**TRANSFORMS OUR P_____ AND
INTERACTION WITH OTHERS**

See Mark 10:35ff.....

