

God Is In Control

Premise:

- If God is **GOD**, by definition He should be all powerful and all knowing.
- Therefore, there will be nothing He can't do nor control, nor nothing he is not aware of.
- How does that become reality in OUR lives, or how can we KNOW it?
- One way we KNOW it is by His **WORK** in our lives.

His **WORK** In Our Individual Lives

- God manifests Himself in our lives in many ways but has categorically stated:
 - [2Cr 12:9](#) And He has said to me, "**My grace is sufficient for you**, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.
 - [2Cr 12:10](#) Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.
- There are two things the New Testament Scripture says to do daily and therefore there is Grace for them, daily:
 - [Hbr 3:13](#) But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.
 - [Luk 9:23](#) And He was saying to *them* all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must **deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me**

Where The Rubber Meets The Road!

- Everyday of our lives we are presented with a Cross.
- The important thing is to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in the work and not resist it.
- The Holy Spirit is **ALWAYS** working, is always attempting to apply the Cross, daily. Are we cooperating, resisting or ignoring it?

Work Of The Cross.

- I believe one of the reasons for the uniqueness of the Book Of Job, is to show us how God processes the believer and to show other believers that they really don't understand, naturally, what he is doing in other lives.
- Why we are commanded not to Judge others.
- Job was righteous in the site of the Lord, yet He still tested Him.
- We err, every time we Judge someone, without the Holy Spirit's direct and specific input.

Work Of The Cross.

- Jesus Himself, who was perfect, bore a Cross during His earthly ministry. How much more us?
- Our flesh is the primary hinderance and target of the Cross.
- [Gal 5:17](#) For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.
- True Spiritual Power to Overcome and Produce Miracles.

The True *Force*. The Cross.

- At the height of Jesus' suffering, the greatest power was released. At the height of the Cross Work God did in His life, the greatest force was released:
- Jn 8:1 When Jesus had spoken these words, He went forth with His disciples over the ravine of the Kidron, where there was a garden, in which He entered with His disciples. Now Judas also, who was betraying Him, knew the place, for Jesus had often met there with His disciples. Judas then, having received the *Roman* cohort and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. So Jesus, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered Him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He said to them, "I am *He*." And Judas also, who was betraying Him, was standing with them. So when He said to them, "I am *He*," ***they drew back and fell to the ground.***
- When we walk in the Work of the Cross, the Power of the Spirit will manifest itself and God will make All Power/Grace available in our lives. Actually an Abundance!



Testimony

Greater Works

- [Jn 14:12](#) “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and ***greater works*** than these he will do; because I go to the Father. “Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. “If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*.”

The Cross is...

- Not making something happening, but cooperating with what God is doing NOW in your life.
- Since He Controls all things...your current circumstance is where He is working. Are you cooperating, resisting or ignoring.
- Now you see why you don't want people judging YOU!

The Cross Is Not...

- We cannot slay ourselves on our own Cross. Not even Jesus did. It must be the Father. Jesus **asked** for it to pass.
- Sin is not a Cross. He may bring one to purify us, but the penalty for sin is not a cross.

Is This Topic Scripturally Important?

- [1Cr 2:2](#) For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.
- In Her Book *The Centrality Of The Cross*, *Jessie Penn-Lewis says she was struck by what +P.T. Forsyth said, “a true grasp of the Atonement meets the age in its *need of a centre* (emphasis her’s), of an authority, or a creative force, a guiding line and a final goal. It meets our lack of a fixed point.” She goes on to say, “This is exactly the case. We need a ‘fixed point’, which acts as a centre and a goal, and that ‘point’ in the history of the world – back to the ages before it, and forward to the ages following it – is the Cross of Calvary. It is the central pivot of the dealing of God with the Universe in every aspect.
- “It is because we Christians get away from the ‘fixed point’ of the Cross, that we wander into all kinds of cul-del-sac places, where we lose the balance and right perspective of truth.”
- *She was involved in the Welsh Revival, 1904-1905, considered one of the largest in history.
- +Considered by many the greatest Theologian of the twentieth century.

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- We need to fix our attention and cooperate with Him.
- Else, our lives can really seem out-of-control.