

The Glory of the Cross

- B. The cross is our guarantee of a place in New Jerusalem

Scripture: Galatians 6:14

Introduction

The song writer said, "I'm free from the fear of tomorrow, I'm free from the guilt of the past. For I've traded my shackles for a glorious song, I'm free, Praise the Lord, free at last."

The glory of the cross is that through it, God's grace is revealed, abolishing guilt by justification, removing fear of the future by showing God's great plan, and establishing direction for today by giving insight into God's will for men.

I. The cross has removed the veneer of the past

Romans 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death.

- A. The cross has removed the sins of the past
- B. The cross has brought justification
- C. The cross has taken away the reason for guilt

II. The cross has brought meaning to the present

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

- A. The cross has set an achievable life standard
- B. The cross enables us to live with ourselves
- C. The cross enables us to live in right relationship with God and with others

III. The cross has brought a guarantee for the future

Jude 1:24 Now unto him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy....

- A. The cross is our guarantee of eternal life