

The Way Through the Cross

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There is a powerful truth illustrated in this image: every believer's journey with God passes through one place — **the Cross of Jesus Christ.**

Not around it.

Not beyond it.

Not added to by human effort.

Through it.

And understanding this changes everything about how we live the Christian life.

The Cross Was Not the Beginning of Religion — It Was the End of Human Works

According to Bible doctrine, the Cross settled the issue of sin once and for all.

When our Lord said, "*It is finished*" (John 19:30), He was declaring that the payment for sin was complete. Every sin — past, present, and future — was judged in Christ.

As Pastor Robert McLaughlin teaches:

Salvation is not achieved by human performance but received through grace by faith alone in Christ alone.

The Cross means mankind no longer works **toward** God's acceptance. Instead, the believer lives **from** a position of acceptance already secured.

The doorway is open because Christ finished the work.

The Doorway Represents Positional Truth

Notice the figure walking through the illuminated opening.

This beautifully reflects one of the greatest doctrines of the Church Age:

Union with Christ.

At the moment of salvation, the believer is placed into union with Jesus Christ through the baptism of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:13).

You are no longer defined by:

- your past,
- your failures,
- your emotions,
- or your circumstances.

You are defined by your **position in Christ**.

The Christian life is not striving to become something God will accept — it is learning to think according to what God has already made you.

The Crown Before the Cross — and the Glory After

The crown of thorns reminds us that our Lord bore suffering voluntarily.

He endured rejection, injustice, and unimaginable spiritual judgment so that believers could receive eternal life freely.

But doctrine teaches us something crucial:

The Cross was not defeat — it was **strategic victory in the Angelic Conflict**.

Satan's greatest apparent triumph became his greatest defeat.

And every believer who advances spiritually becomes living evidence of God's grace and wisdom before angels (Ephesians 3:10).

The Christian Life Is a Walk, Not a Moment

The path leading through the doorway symbolizes spiritual growth.

Salvation happens in an instant.

Spiritual maturity happens over time through:

- Perception of Bible doctrine
- Metabolization of truth
- Application of doctrine to life

As Pastor McLaughlin consistently emphasizes:

The Christian way of life is a supernatural way of life requiring a supernatural means of execution — the filling of the Holy Spirit and Bible doctrine circulating in the soul.

We do not grow by emotion or experience, but by **thinking divine viewpoint**.

Hope Beyond the Darkness

Every believer walks through valleys:

- grief
- pressure
- injustice
- confusion
- spiritual testing

But the Cross guarantees something unshakable:

Your story ends in resurrection, not defeat.

Because Christ lives, the believer's future is secure.

No suffering is wasted.

No test is meaningless.

No faithful step goes unseen by God.

 **The Doctrine Behind the Image**

This image ultimately declares one central biblical truth:

Jesus Christ made the way — and now we walk it by grace.

The Christian life is not about carrying the Cross for salvation.

Christ carried it **for you**.

Now the believer walks forward in:

- gratitude instead of guilt,
- doctrine instead of confusion,
- grace instead of works,
- confidence instead of fear.

✨ **Final Thought**

You are not trying to find your way to God.

Through Jesus Christ, **God has already made His way to you.**

And every step forward in doctrine is simply learning to walk through the door He already opened.

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In Him,

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