

Fullness of the Cross: What the Cross Did for Us

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What God has done in removing and freeing us from the penalty of sin is a _____.

The cross has also freed us from the _____ of sin. Freedom from the power and slavery of sin.

John 8:34 - everyone that practices sin is a _____ to sin. We all have an addictive relationship with rebellion. (cf. Rom. 8:15; 2 Pet. 2:19)

Jesus means to change our status from slave to son. Through the _____ Jesus gives those who come through Him the right to be children of God.

As *the* Son, Jesus sets us free from slavery to sin and also perfects our _____. It is appropriated yet progressive, it is continuous and in action and happening right now.

As the Son those whom he released from slavery to sin enjoyed freedom from judgment (Jn. 3:18; 5:24) and the power of death (Jn. 5:24; 8:51), and an end to alienation from God, as they were adopted into God's family

The cross gives us _____ to overcome the presence of sin.

Jesus lived His life striving against sin. Effectively, when you have put your faith in Him through His cross, you now by His spirit receive that same strength to strive against sin as you keep your eyes on Him. If Jesus did it by the power of the Spirit, we can do it by the power of His Spirit

Heb. 12:1-2 - By faith in the cross of Christ we can overcome the ever-present temptation of sin. God provides ways of escape for us. (1 Cor. 10:12-13)

How we overcome sin and strive against sin is by _____ it without giving into it.

Jesus inspires and _____ our faith in Him, since through His cross He has been granted all authority at God's right hand.

Heb. 12:3-4 - a spiritual practice to help us overcome temptation is to “consider and meditate” on Christ and His endurance of the cross. This helps us endure temptation and be tender to God’s discipline

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Questions:

1. How does the cross change our us from slaves to children of God?
2. What role does the Holy Spirit play in empowering believers to strive against sin?