



Beyond the Sermon
A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Cross to the Throne

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Message Theme

The Second Adam

Prayer Focus

"Father, I come to You with an open heart and mind. Help me to truly receive what You've done for me through Jesus. Quiet every distraction, every doubt, and every lie I've believed, and replace them with Your truth. Let these words go deeper than just understanding—let them transform how I think, how I see myself, and how I live today. Teach me to walk in Your grace, Your freedom, and Your finished work, in Jesus' name, amen!"

Key Truths

What happened from the cross to the throne changes everything for us. On that cross, He took the full weight of God's judgment so we could be freed from the power of sin and death. When Jesus said, "It is finished," He meant it. Our debt to sin was completely paid. When He rose from the dead, it was proof that the payment was accepted. Our sin has been forgiven, and we're made right with God, completely and fully.

Because of what Jesus did, our relationship with God is not based on our performance. We don't earn righteousness by trying harder or doing better—no one ever has. Instead, Jesus intentionally took our sin and gave us His righteousness in exchange. The barrier between our Father God and us has been removed, giving us direct access to Him by His Spirit—anytime, anywhere. We can come boldly into His presence, receive mercy for our past, and grace for whatever we're facing right now.

The amazing thing is that this doesn't just affect our past—it transforms our present and our future. Jesus' resurrection wasn't just for Him; it was the beginning of something for us. The same power that raised Him from the dead is at work in us today. Scripture says that we were co-crucified, co-buried, and co-raised with Him! We can live knowing that everything we need has already been accomplished through Jesus. This gives hope, strength, and assurance that whatever the circumstances we face, they are not the end. He has life, joy, peace, and mercy for us that is sufficient for our needs.

Which one truth do you already have evidence of in your life today? Ask the Lord for new ways to see even more of it for you and others around you. Which one truth is the most challenging or least existing in your life today? Why do you think this is? Ask the Lord if there are any beliefs or barriers that are keeping you from believing that particular truth. Journal some of that here:

Practical Application

Because of what Jesus has done, your everyday life doesn't have to be driven by guilt, pressure, or the feeling that you're "never doing enough". When you wake up, you're not trying to earn God's approval—you already have it. That means when you mess up, you don't have to hide or beat yourself up. You can come to God honestly, knowing you'll receive mercy for what's behind you and grace for what's in front of you. Live from this acceptance, not past failure.

Think about a normal day—maybe you lose your patience with your kids, make a mistake with a friend, or feel like you don't measure up. The natural response is to feel condemned or to try harder and compensate by just being better. You can pause in that moment and remind yourself: *this is already paid for, I'm already accepted, and Christ's life is in me*. Instead of spiraling, you turn to God and say, "Thank You that I'm still forgiven, still loved, and You're still with me." This shift changes everything. It replaces shame with peace and gives you the strength to move forward instead of staying stuck. Life is not just about getting through failure—it's about walking in confidence every day. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in you right now. So when you face stress, fear, or something that feels impossible, you're not facing it alone or empty-handed. You can expect God to help you in real, practical ways—giving you wisdom in decisions, patience in hard moments, and strength when you feel weak. This is what it looks like to live in what Jesus already finished, learning to walk in it one day at a time.

Reference Verses

- Matthew 28:1–6
- Romans 4:25
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Psalm 22:1, 14–18
- 1 Corinthians 2:8
- Hebrews 2:14
- 2 Corinthians 5:19
- John 12:32–33
- 1 Corinthians 15
- Romans 10:4
- Romans 3:20
- Matthew 27:50–53
- Hebrews 4:16
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13–17
- Revelation 20:4–6

- Hebrews 6
- Ephesians 1:19–23

Declarations

Life is released when your words are in agreement with God. Intentionally speaking life and biblical truth out loud is extremely powerful. In fact, you have that very life in the power of your tongue. These words below, when spoken out loud, will cause an acceleration of the reality of God's words in your life. We encourage you to speak the following with an expectancy to renew your mind and see God's fullness.

Through Christ...

- ...I am forgiven—my past is paid in full.
- ...I live from God's approval, not for it.
- ...I am righteous, not by my performance.
- ...I have bold, direct access to God.
- ...I receive mercy for yesterday and grace for today.
- ...God's resurrection power is at work in me.

What's Next?

Now it's time to put what you've learned into action. Here are three ways you can apply this message to your daily life:

- **Live from a "Finished Work" Perspective:** Instead of trying to earn God's favor through your own efforts or feeling disqualified by your past mistakes, remind yourself daily that your sin is "paid in full." Approach your day with the confidence of someone who is already justified, focusing on what Jesus has already accomplished rather than what you feel you lack.
- **Draw Boldly from the Throne of Grace:** Since the "veil was rent," you have 24/7 access to God's presence. When you face a challenge—whether it's a difficult conversation or a stressful task—don't wait for a specific "holy place" or time to pray. Boldly ask for "well-timed help" (grace) right in the moment, knowing that God's supernatural ability is available for your current needs.
- **Acknowledge the Resurrected Power Within You:** The message emphasizes that the same power that raised Christ from the dead is currently "at work in you." Daily affirm that you are not limited to your own strength. When you feel overwhelmed or weak, intentionally shift your mindset to rely on that "immeasurable, unlimited greatness" to navigate your responsibilities and overcome obstacles.