

Farewell Discourse Pt. 8

28 You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. 30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, 31 but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here. John 14:28-31

Any socially conscious group or organization can offer temporary relief from life's greatest difficulties. Only faith in Jesus can give eternal comfort.

No event of time or eternity compares with the transcending significance of the death of Christ on the cross. Other important undertakings of God such as the creation of the world, the incarnation of Christ, His resurrection, the second coming, and the creation of the new heavens and the new earth become meaningless if Christ did not die. -John F. Walvoord.

Jesus' death was the reason that he came.

Even doing amazing humanitarian works absent of the power of the cross in our lives still leaves us broken and in need, because their power to deliver is only temporary.

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

Anything that promises eternal life outside of Christ's work on the cross is false.

41 ...when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. Mark 10:41

42 And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:42-45

Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them." Isaiah 42:9

Though we are not literally being held captive by a foreign power, we are often held captive but the power of sin in our lives.

As the cross is a symbol of our victory, it is also a symbol of Satan's defeat.

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8

Satan has nothing to hold us and the Father has nothing to hold against us.

The same power over death and sin that gently walked out of that tomb is alive in each of us, as His followers.

10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. Romans 8:10-11