

The King's Table

"He brought me into His banqueting table..." Song of Solomon 2:4

Born for a New Beginning

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Cor. 5:17, NKJV.

The gift of a new life

The gift of salvation and the new beginning that is yours through the Lord Jesus Christ releases the power of God into your life.

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes..." Romans 1:16.

This new life is from God

Every religion, philosophy and ideology in the world relies on self-effort to try to change a person. Only the Gospel is different. The power that is released by the Gospel is not "from me" but "from God."

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us" 2 Corinthians 4:7.

This new life is by faith

We are not only *saved* by faith (Ephesians 2:8-9). The whole Christian life is lived by faith. Faith means total dependence on God.

"...The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" Galatians 2:20.

The power of the Gospel

"Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel..." Romans 16:25.

The Gospel is the good news of God's saving power. But the Gospel does more than just *introduce* us to the Christian life. It also *establishes* us in the

Christian life. The Gospel describes a Christian life that is, from start to finish, "from God" and "by faith" (Hebrews 12:2).

To know in reality the power of God in the *new* life, we must first understand and experience the power of the Gospel in dealing with the *old* life.

A 'once for all' Gospel

"...But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself" Hebrews 9:26.

The Cross of Christ was a complete, once for all, never to be repeated work of salvation. There is nothing we can do to add to the work of the Cross.

The Cross dealt with your sins

"For Christ died for sins once for all...to bring you to God..." 1 Peter 3:18.

The Cross dealt with your old self

The Cross dealt with, not just your acts of sin, but also the root of your sin problem - self. The core of the old self is a self-centre, expressed in a self-justified independence from God. At the Cross, Jesus not only died for your sins. You also died in Him! The old self was judged *once for all*.

"For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that...we should no longer be slaves to sin" Romans 6:6 (see also verses 10-11).

2 Corinthians 5:17 declares that "the old has gone, the new has come!" Through faith in the finished work of the Cross, you are free!