

Living FROM THE CROSS

LESSON NOTES

"Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, 'It is finished.'" With that he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."
John 19:28-30

Q. What is "IT"?

- It is a third person singular pronoun used as the subject or object of the verb "finished".
- So, what is finished? According to the text "it" = "everything".

The Cross represents the most significant event in human history. The word "cross" comes from the Latin work *crux*, which means the essential point of a problem requiring resolution.

Q. What was the problem that required resolution?

The problem in need of resolution was the consequence of mankind's conflict with God. The cross represents the most essential point of that resolution.

Rom 5:12, 17—"Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned...through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

The Bible is the revelation of God's plan to redeem, and restore peace with, all of mankind. The sacrifice of His Son is the **crux** of the story. It's the decisive point at which the enemies of God were defeated, mankind was redeemed, and the effects of sin and death were reversed by the gifts of righteousness and life.

Q. What are some **immediate effects** of the Cross upon the redeemed? Upon you?

Q. What does it mean to live FROM something? What's the opposite of living from?

- For—a functional word used to indicate a goal or desire. Future reality...will be.
- From—a functional word used to indicate a starting point. Past reality...has been.

Since Jesus has finished everything on the cross, why are we still working to achieve "it" by our own human efforts?

Q. What are the implications of the Cross on how we are to "live by faith"?

RECOMMENDED READING

The Naked Gospel—Andrew Farley
The Ragamuffin Gospel—Brennan Manning
The Pressure's Off: There's a New Way to Live—Dr. Larry Crabb
Two Kinds of Righteousness—E.W. Kenyon