

Saturday, 4/7

Christ laid His life down for us. We cannot give our lives as an atonement for sin. However, we can offer our bodies in service to others. Rather than serving our self, we can sacrifice our lives to the service of others.

**Devotional:** Romans 12:1-8. Read the instructions in these verses for a fuller understanding of how you can lay your life down for others.

**Pray** For a life of service that becomes the cross. That displays the power to

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be found in the sacrifice of Christ.

“There is Power in the Blood”

Would you be free from the burden of sin?  
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;  
Would you o'er evil a victory win?  
There's wonderful power in the blood.

*Refrain*

*There is power, power, wonder working power  
In the blood of the Lamb;  
There is power, power, wonder working power  
In the precious blood of the Lamb.*

Would you be free from your passion and pride?  
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;  
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide;  
There's wonderful power in the blood.

*Refrain*

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?  
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;  
Sin stains are lost in its life giving flow.  
There's wonderful power in the blood.

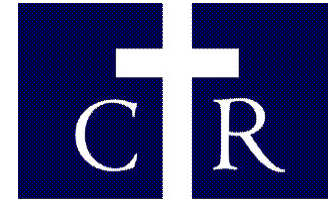
*Refrain*

Would you do service for Jesus your King?  
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;  
Would you live daily His praises to sing?  
There's wonderful power in the blood.

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# Taking Gathered Worship

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## Family and Individual Devotions

### Meditations in Acts

Week of April 1, 2007

## *The Essence of the Church*

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## Daily Devotionals

**T**he cross is the centerpiece of Christianity. It was there that sin was dealt with, tearing in two the curtain separating us from God. All power that flows from a Christians life comes from the foundation of the cross. The way has been laid for man to enter into the very presence of God. The way had been provided for man to serve in the kingdom of God.

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to meet with Jesus. Please pray that we as a community of faith will learn His ways and walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

*Throughout the week we encourage you to use the hymn, "There is Power in the Blood" found on the back page as your songs, your prayers, and your reminder this week about what the church is all about.*

**Sunday, 4/1**

If you are in Christ you have indeed been made alive. You are enabled to put off the self serving manner in which you once lived and put on your new self created by God. A new creation that is able to serve God in true righteousness and holiness.

**Devotional:** Look again at Ephesians 2:1-10, and compare these verses with Ephesians 4:17-24. Meditate on the changes God has wrought in your life. How your "lewd and unclean work" have become works of "righteousness and holiness."

**Pray** That an understanding of the power of the cross in transforming your life would overflow your heart, encouraging you on towards love and good deeds.

**Monday, 4/2**

It is only through Christ that we are able to bear fruit, to do anything that pleases Him. In Christ, you are no longer married to yourself, doing what your heart would naturally desire. Because of the cross, you are married to Christ, able to bear fruit for His kingdom.

**Devotional:** Reflect on Romans 7:4-6. Plant these verses in your heart. In doing so, you will remember your status in Christ, and in remembering, will be made prosperous and successful in His kingdom.

**Pray** For an ability to remember the source of your power to serve Christ comes solely through His redeeming death on the cross. That this truth will always remain on your mind.

**Tuesday, 4/3**

It is one thing to know the power you have in Christ, it is quite another to understand how to take firm hold of that power. In the Christian life, it is all too easy to lose grip.

**Devotional:** Read John 15:5-8. Meditate carefully on what these verses say. What does this section of scripture reveal holding firm to the power we have in Christ?

**Pray** For an understanding that the ability to bear fruit in Gods kingdom comes solely from abiding in Christ.

**Wednesday, 4/4**

The question might arise, "How do I abide in Christ"? The answer? You remain in Christ in the same manner in which you arrive in His power. Through the word of God combined with the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit that brought you to understanding of the cross.

**Devotional:** Look at John 17:17-19, John 16:13-15 and II Timothy 3:16. In these verses you come to understand that you were set apart for Gods service by His word, and through his word the Holy Spirit "guides us in all truth". The word of God is useful in all aspects of your life.

**Pray** That you would rely on the word of God to abide in Christ, and through the illumination of Gods word by the Holy spirit you will grow in your knowledge of Him.

**Thursday, 4/5**

God didn't give us His word simply for our own personal edification. He gave us His word for the benefit of others. We are told to be His witness, to make disciples and to do good works. All of these things are for the edification of others, both inside and outside of the church.

**Devotional:** II Timothy 3:16 reveals the benefits of Gods word, and John 3:17 reveals the purpose of His word. God uses His word so we will be "fully equipped for every good work". For a refreshing look at how the word of God affects your life read Psalm 1:1-4.

**Pray** That the word of God will be the source of your understanding about your role in the Kingdom of God.

**Friday, 4/6**

The word of God is for the benefit of all. So are the good works you accomplish in Christ. In the Church community your works strengthen and encourage other Christians. Outside the church community your works are a light to the lost.

**Devotional:** The cross has given you light in your life. Light that is to shine brightly before all men, inside and outside the church. Read Matthew 5:14-16.

**Pray** For a life that shines brightly in Christ. That your life will be seen by all, and lead others to give glory to God.