

The Power Of The Cross (part 2)



Text: Romans 1:16

I. There Is A Tremendous Power In The Cross To Change Lives

- It was no accident Jesus died between two thieves
- **Isaiah 53:12**
- His cross demonstrated the shamefulness of our own sins
- **Philippians 2:5-8**
- Three things the world gave Jesus that really stand out – 1) manger for a cradle, 2) old rugged cross to die on, 3) borrowed tomb
- Lessons we learn from the two cross next to Jesus
- Two sinners on either side with the Savior in the middle who died for all our sins
- Thief was physically near to Christ, yet died for his sins; how many close to use are dying in sin?
- Many of us have more than the thief on the left, yet we still reject Jesus
- But there is still time to ask for forgiveness
- On the cross was the first time the thief on the right of Jesus came to know of him

II. Why We Are Saved Under Entirely Different Conditions Than The Thief On The Cross

- **Hebrews 9:16**
- Too many churches are hiding behind the thief on the cross
- We are saved under the conditions of the New Covenant, and not the old
- When the thief was saved, the Old Covenant was still in effect
- We live under the New Covenant – the New Testament
- What God can, or cannot do, is not nearly so important as what He will, or will not do! Just because God can do something doesn't mean He will do it!
- **Hebrews 9:22**

III. Newness Of Life

- **Romans 6:3-4**

- What we believe about Christ is of utmost importance
- He died for our sins
- He was buried and rose again

IV. Conclusion

- Just as Jesus changed the cross, He can change you