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“We Owe Everything to the Cross”
(Having a Cross-Mindset)

DEFINITION: A CROSS MINDSET- For one to (finally) *realize* that he or she owes **every good thing** that has ever *happened* in their lives, or **any good thing** they have ever *received*, to the *single* fact that Jesus *volunteered* to go the **cross**.

1). James 1:17- Every good **gift** and every perfect **gift** is **from above**, and **cometh down from the *Father*....**

Example of punctuality:

QUESTION: From *where* did you get/obtain your organizational skills; your “being-on-time” mindset? *Why* are you different?

2). I Corinthians 4:7- For **who** *maketh thee* to **differ** from another? and **what** hast thou that thou **didst not receive**? now if thou didst **receive** it, why dost thou **glory**, as if thou hadst **not** received it?

This same principle would apply to leadership or administration, teaching skills, etc...

You didn't _____ yourself!

3). REASON # 1- Ephesians 4:11- ¹¹ And **he** *gave* **some**, apostles; and **some**, prophets; and **some**, evangelists; and **some**, pastors and teachers;

(Vs. 12)- For the **perfecting** of the saints, for the **work** of the ministry, for the **edifying** of the body of Christ:

REASON # 2- Any good things/gifts that you now have, or have ever received, you received them because of one single fact: **BECAUSE OF THE CROSS!**

God doesn't _____ us, or _____ us anything good, because we are deserving of it.

Bottom line: We did not get what we deserved. We deserved to be "**cursed**", just like *Adam* and *Lucifer* were, when they disobeyed God:

4). Genesis 3:17- And unto **Adam** he said, Because thou hast... eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: **cursed** is the ground for thy sake;...

5). Genesis 3:14- And the LORD God said unto the **serpent**, Because thou hast done this, thou art **cursed**...

MILLION DOLLAR QUESTION: What happened to the **curse**?

6). Galatians 3:13 (NIV)- Christ redeemed us from the curse...becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "**Cursed** is everyone who is hung on a **pole**."

7). Galatians 3:13 (AMP)- Christ purchased our freedom and redeemed us from the curse...by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS [crucified] ON A TREE (cross)**."**

This means that every blessing, that we have ever received, **we owe it to the cross!**

When a person (finally) realizes this, they have a _____.

FIVE STAR STATEMENT: Jesus **volunteered** to go to the cross. He did not have to!

8). Revelation 5:1-6a (AMP)- I saw in the right hand of Him who was seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, closed *and* sealed with seven seals.

² And I saw a strong angel announcing with a loud voice, "Who is worthy [having the authority and virtue] to open the scroll and to break its seals?"

³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth [in Hades, the realm of the dead] was able to open the scroll or look into it.

⁴ And I *began* to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or look into it.

⁵ Then one of the [twenty-four] elders said to me, "Stop weeping! Look closely, the **Lion** of the tribe of Judah, the **Root of David**, has overcome and conquered! **He** can open the scroll and [break] its seven seals."

⁶ And there between the throne...and among the elders I saw a **Lamb (Christ)** standing, [bearing **scars** and **wounds**] as though it had been **slain**,...

9). Luke 22:42- Saying, Father, **if thou be willing, remove** this cup from me: **nevertheless not my will**, but **thine**, be done.

(vs. 43)- And there appeared an **angel** unto him from heaven, **strengthening** him.