

*The Rock House Church*  
*March 12, 2017*  
*Today God IS*  
*All*

*Do I Cherish The Old Rugged Cross?*

**TODAY'S ENCOURAGING WORD:**

*“My Love for you is Unquenchable, Un-reversible, Unstoppable, Unchanging.  
I Love you just as much today---as when you first came to know Me.  
MY Love for you is stronger than the bond between a mother and her child.  
My Love for you is from Eternity to Eternity !!  
You are precious to Me, I will never leave or ever forget you.  
My Love for you, I have tattooed your name on the palms of both MY hands.  
I Want you to experience My Love today in its fullness  
My Love that surpasses your understanding is right in you, just for the asking.  
Ask Holy Spirit to Completely Fill you with My Presence,  
The Richest, Fullest Measure, of My Love Presence, that you can handle  
Flooding, Filling every part of your heart, soul and mind with My Love.  
I Want you to experience My Love so you can fully Love others.”*

*(ISAIAH 49:15-17) (HOSEA 2:19) (EPHESIANS 3:19)*

**TODAY'S Thought For The Week:**

*“Some people make things happen,  
While some just watch things happen,  
But the majority have NO idea what just happened”.*

*C. S. Lewis: “You don't have a soul: You are a soul. You have a body.”*

*David Guzil “If you will sacrifice for the sake of money, but will not sacrifice for the sake of Jesus, then don't deceive yourself: money is your real God.”*

**TODAY'S TOP QUESTIONS:**

- 1) What is the “Substance” of your Faith? (Hebrews 11:1)*
- 2) How can I grow the “substance” of my faith?*
- 3) What is your “Substance” made off?*
- 4) What does “Cherish” mean to you?*

**TODAY'S Humor:**

*I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me*

### TODAY'S SONG IN THE NIGHT:

Heaven came down and Glory filled my soul;  
When at the Cross the Savior Made me whole  
My sins were washed away and my night was turned to day,  
Heaven came down and Glory fill my soul.  
Oh, what a wonderful, wonderful day  
Day I will never forget  
When I was wandering in darkness away  
Jesus my Savior I met.  
Oh what a tender compassionate friend  
He met the needs of my heart  
The Shadows dispelling, with joy I'm telling  
He made all my darkness depart

**QUESTION:** What do you have to do to receive all that God has for you?

Example: Two men were visiting a local college, they noticed several students on their hands and knees assessing the courtyard with pencils and clipboards in hand.

"What are they doing?" One asked the tour guide.

"Each year," he replied with a grin, "The upperclassmen ask the freshmen how many bricks it took to finish this courtyard."

"So what's the answer?" They asked him when we were out of earshot of the freshmen.

The guide replied simply, "One."

Sometimes it takes just ONE Prayer to change everything.

ONE GIFT: One Sacrifice: One Cross; One Confession; One Baptism; One New Life: JUST ONE: You're Holy  
THE CROSS MAKES YOU HOLY!

Our identity does not come from our brokenness, but from who God says we are.

I am complete in Christ. ([Colossians 2:10](#))

I am a child of God. ([Galatians 3:26](#))

I am chosen. ([1 Peter 2:9](#))

I am redeemed. ([Gal. 3:13](#))

I am justified. ([Romans 5:1](#))

I am an overcomer. ([Rev. 12:11](#))

I am forgiven. ([Eph. 1:7](#))

I am firmly rooted, built up, established in my faith and overflowing with gratitude. ([Colossians 2:7](#))

I am greatly loved by God. ([Romans 1:7](#); [Ephesians 2:4](#); [Colossians 3:12](#); [1 Thessalonians 1:4](#))

I am God's workmanship, created in Christ to do good works. ([Eph 2:10](#))

God is always with me. He will not leave me. ([Deuteronomy 31:6](#))

God is my Comforter. ([2 Corinthians 1:3-5](#))

I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. ([Philippians 4:13](#))

I have the mind of Christ. ([1 Corinthians 2:16](#))

I am the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ. ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#))

I have the Greater One living in me; greater is He Who is in me than he who is in the world. ([1 John 4:4](#))

It is not I who live, but Christ lives in me. ([Galatians 2:20](#))

**TODAYS VERSE:** [MATTHEW 10: 37-39](#) "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.<sup>38</sup> And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.<sup>39</sup> He who has found his <sup>[a]</sup>life will lose it, and he who has lost his <sup>[b]</sup>life for My sake will find it.

JOHN 19:19-22 Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS." Therefore many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written In Hebrew, Latin *and* in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews'; but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

MATTHEW 27:25-26 And all the people said, "***His blood shall be on us and on our children!***" Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified

The cross is: God's gift of LOVE for all to receive,

- 1) the ultimate demonstration of God's love
- 2) the source of ongoing supernatural grace
- 3) the basis of healings and miracles today
- 4) the foundation of Satan's total demise and defeat
- 5) the door to God's secret wisdom
- 6) the source of true freedom
- 7) the way of entrance into God's all-sufficient power and provision
- 8) the truth for forgiveness, victory, abundance living today
- 9) the historical event that changed everything for any who apply it to their lives
- 10) the center of life and death, of who I am; Who He is: What He has done for me
- 11) The Gift to be received with nothing added

So what does the "Cross" really do for you?

THE POWER OF HIS CROSS by VBOJR (2/27/17)

That old Cross, Cursed, Standing all alone,  
Place of judgment, rejection, and decease.  
Where Hatred spills out, for some Release,  
Justice served, ill committed, just his own.

His Cross, Power of Judgment, Stands alone  
He, taking my place for wrongs I have done.  
His blood given, freely for me, I am stunned!  
His Life, for my shame, my guilt, He did atone.

The Power of His Cross, my freedom bought,  
Without His mercy and grace I would be lost.  
His Death--His Cross, for my life, What a Cost!  
Father's Love, all the lost, hopeless, He sought

His Cross Has Power of life for those gone astray  
Jesus Blood given, pardon for the Guilty for sure  
Sick to be healed, mended, all life to endure  
I Live in the Glory and Power of His Cross Today.

STRIVING Versus ABIDING VBOJR 3/6/17

Why do I strive all the time just to be---  
Something God never intended for me?  
Do I strive just for my pride's sake,  
For mans approval, my hand to shake?

Abiding so different; it is plain to see  
No striving here, just waiting for Thee.  
Spirit going before me showing the way  
Eye fixed on You, my strength for the day.

So why am I striving again today?  
Flesh, alive, stealing life along my way.  
Striving to succeed in my life's' course  
Finding stress, doubt with much remorse.

Abiding in Jesus, His plan for me  
Striving is about me, Abiding is "we."  
My hand with Jesus, my part, simply Abide  
Each step with Him brings life into stride.

Striving or Abiding - my choice to make  
Seems so easy which choice to take.  
Then why the conflict, Why is it so hard?  
My flesh is still alive, leaving me scarred.

Abiding - His call to me for sure  
Surrender to Him, I will endure.  
Abiding in Jesus! His blood washes me clean  
His accepting Love, I have felt, I have seen

*I Come Broken to be Mended; I Come Wounded to be healed  
I Come Desperate to be Rescued; I Come Empty to be Filled  
I Come Guilty to be Pardoned; By the Blood of Christ the Lamb  
And I'm welcomed: With Open Arms!! Praise God, Just as I am.  
Just as I am, I would be lost  
But mercy and Grace my Freedom Bought  
And now to Glory in Your Cross  
O Lamb of God I Come, I Come.*

Isaiah 25:1 O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You, I will give thanks to Your name; For You have worked wonders, Plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness.

PSALM 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.