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The Cross is basically the Christian's "Bill of Rights." It is what Christ paid for us to have if we accept His sacrifice for us by faith. The prophet Isaiah describes Jesus' suffering in chapter 53, and I have done a study on the things that Jesus took for us on the Cross. I am sure that I have only scratched the surface of the meanings of these words, but I believe that it will give you a better understanding of the fullness of Jesus' redeeming power.

Romans 1:16-17: For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." (NKJ) Quoting Habakkuk 2:4
Gospel means *GOOD NEWS*.

Luke 24:44-45: Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. (NKJ)

Isaiah 53:4

Surely He has borne our *griefs* and carried our *sorrows*; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. (NKJ)

GRIEFS; (Khol-ee`)

Grief; sorrow or regret that we have done wrong; pain of the mind produced by loss, misfortune, injury or evils of any kind.

Malady; any sickness or disease of the human body; bad temper; defect or corruption of the heart or of the mind.

Anxiety; concern respecting some event, future or uncertain, which disturbs the mind, and keeps it in a state of painful uneasiness.

Calamity; a time of adversity. (Adversity is an event, or series of events, which opposes success or desire.)

SORROWS; (Mak-o-baw`)

Anguish; extreme pain, either of body or of the mind.

Afflict; to trouble; to harass.

Isaiah 53:5

But He was wounded for our *transgressions*, he was bruised for our *iniquities*; the chastisement for our *peace* was upon Him, and by His stripes we are *healed*. (NKJ)

TRANSGRESSIONS; (peh-shah)

Sin; to miss the mark and so not share in the prize.

Revolt; (national, moral, or religious); A turning or falling away from one side to another; Faithlessness.

Rebellion; Act of rebelling. (Rebel is to defy or refuse to obey the order of a superior).

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Apostatize; To abandon one's church; to forsake principles or faith which one has professed.

Trespass; To break voluntarily any divine law or command.

Quarrel; To dispute; a contest; a breach of friendship; to find fault; Contention for superiority; Strife. (James 3:16; "For where envying and strife is there is confusion and every evil work").

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INIQUITIES; (aw-vone`)

Iniquities; Wickedness

Perversity; Moral; (Perverse means to be stubborn or to distort from the truth). Pervert means to forsake the truth for false religion.

Mischief; Harm, hurt, whether intended or not; to start a quarrel or to falsely report anything about one's reputation.

PEACE; (shaw-lome`)

Peace; to be friendly, make amends, be at peace.

Welfare; exemption from misfortune, sickness, calamity, or evil ;(refer to Romans 16:20 and Ephesians 1:17-23). The enjoyment of health and the common blessings of life; happiness and well being.

Prosperity; success; advance or gain in anything good or desirable.

Favor; a token of love; support; defense; (promote- to advance or to contribute to the growth, or prosperity of you); (Vindication- to deliver or set free); (Justification- to make Holy).

HEALED ;(raw-faw`)

Healed; make whole

Repair; to restore to a sound or healthy state.

Cure; spiritual charge; to cure a disease; a process or method of curing; to restore to soundness or normality.

Mend; to free from faults or defects; to improve in manners or morals; to strengthen.

The fullness of what Jesus did on the cross can be manifested in and through us as we yield our lives and lifestyles unto Him. Also as we apply the revelation that Paul was preaching in the book of Colossians.

Col 1:27-29

To whom God would make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect (complete) in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his *working*, which *worketh* in me mightily. (KJV)

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The two words in italics are from the Greek word; *energes* (*en-er-gace`*) which means (**Active- constantly** engaged in action) and (**Operative-** producing the effect or purpose). This is where we get the English word “energy”. Vine’s dictionary defines this Greek word as; **the energy or “power” that was used in the resurrection of Christ.**

Basically, it means that Jesus’ resurrection power is “CONSTANTLY” working in us to “PRODUCE” what was paid for on the cross.