I. Two Basic Problems in the Christian Church
   A. We have displaced the cross from the center
   B. We have displaced Jesus from His position as head

II. Begin with Spiritual Warfare—End with Intercession (Eph. 6:1–12)

III. Why Is There a War?
   A. Lucifer set up a rival kingdom in the heavenlies
      1. Lucifer reached up—and fell
      2. Jesus stooped down—and was exalted (Phil. 2:9; Luke 14:11; 1 Pet. 5:6)
   B. Adamic race created
   C. Satan tempts Adam, Adam falls
   D. Satan has access to the presence of God—to accuse and make us guilty
   E. Jesus poured out His blood as a guilt offering for our rebellion (2 Cor. 5:21 [Is. 53:10])
      1. Our righteousness is as filthy rags (Is. 64:6)
      2. We are clothed with salvation and God’s righteousness (Is. 61:10)
   F. Guilt vs. conviction of sin
      1. Conviction is from the Holy Spirit—brings repentance
      2. Guilt is from Satan, the accuser of the brethren—only remedy is the robe of righteousness
      3. Romans 8:1—No condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

IVA. Why Do We Need the Cross?
   A. Consider the work of Jesus, a perfect work—perfect in every respect, perfect in every aspect
   B. Contrast priests of Old Testament with Jesus the high priest of the New Testament (Heb. 10:11)
      1. The priests of the Old Testament always stood, never sat down—task never finished
      2. Jesus—afer one sacrifice—sat down at the right hand of the Father—it is finished
      3. For those who are being sanctified (1 Thess. 5:23)
      4. Jesus sanctified by the Father (John 10:36; 17:19)
         But He also sanctified (set apart) Himself
   C. The Christian life is the transition from the legal to the experiential (John 1:12)
V. Jesus Administered a Total, Eternal, Irreversible Defeat over Satan
   A. Satan’s only option: to obscure the work of the cross
   B. No longer able to see the reality of the crucifixion of Jesus (Gal. 3:1ff)
      1. Begin to rely on the works of the law, not the sovereign operation of the Holy Spirit = Legalism
      2. Begin to rely on the flesh = Carnality
      3. Under a curse (Gal. 3:10 [Jer. 17:5–6])
   C. The remedy: Christ crucified (Gal. 3:13–14)
      1. Jesus became a curse that we might be redeemed
      2. He took our rebellion; He endured all its evil consequences
      3. Confess grieving the Holy Spirit

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VI. Application of the Cross
   A. Delivered from this present evil age (Gal. 1:4)
      1. We don’t get it all in this age
      2. Satan is the god of this age (2 Cor. 4)
      3. Do not be conformed to this present age, especially in our thinking (Rom. 12:2)
   B. Deliverance from the law (Gal. 2:19)
      1. Our old man was crucified
      2. Righteousness not received by keeping rules
      3. If you are led by the Holy Spirit you are sons of God (Rom. 8:14; Gal. 5:18; Rom. 6:14)
      4. Map or guide?
   C. Deliverance from self (Gal. 2:20)—death of:
      1. Personal ambition
      2. Denominational rivalry
      3. Nationalism
   D. Deliverance from the flesh (Gal. 5:24)
      1. Flesh = the nature inherited from Adam = rebellion
         a. Just one remedy: execution
         b. Execution carried out in the death of Jesus on the cross
      2. Crucifixion causes suffering to the flesh
      3. To suffer the Lord’s way or the devil’s way?
      4. Jesus is returning for those who have crucified their flesh
   E. Deliverance from the world (Gal. 6:14)
      1. The world = those who refuse the just rule of Jesus Christ in their lives
2. The world is crucified to me and I to the world
F. The ship in the sea is all right;
   The sea in the ship is all wrong
   The church in the world is all right;
   The world in the church is all wrong

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