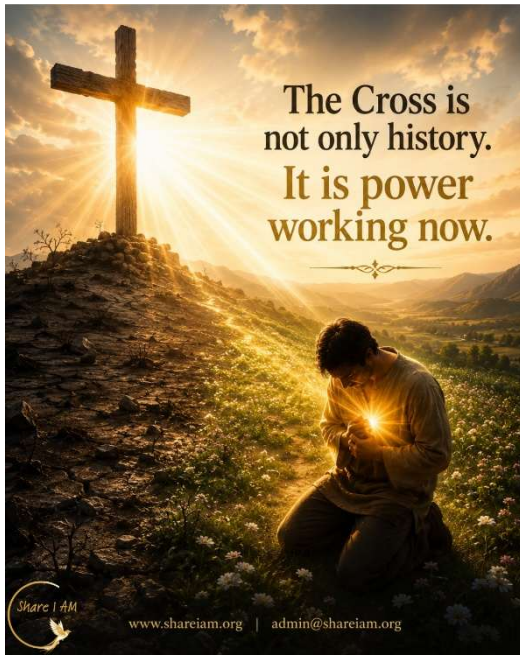




THE POWER WORKING NOW

📖 1 Corinthians 1:18, NKJV., “*For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the **POWER** of God.*”

The Cross is often treated as a relic, admired from a respectful distance, safely framed in history. Yet Scripture insists it is **power** in the present tense. The word **POWER** here is the Greek word “*Dunamis*” which denotes authority and inherent strength, a reproducing force that flows from an indwelling nature, the capacity to rule, to act, to bring forth the miraculous. This is not a symbol to remember, but a **reality to experience**.

When the Holy Spirit brings the Cross into our lives, He does not send us backward two millennia. He brings Calvary into now. Paul did not say, “*I was crucified*,” as though it were a closed chapter. He declared, “*I *am* crucified with Christ... nevertheless I live*” (Galatians 2:20, KJV.). Crucifixion and resurrection are not opposing eras; they are twin principles working together in the present.

This is a great wonder. It is **not** our spirit that is crucified, for the spirit is the seat of life. Rather, it is the outer person, the **self-life**, the **carnal mind**, the **ego**, that is being brought to its end. As Scripture says, “*Though our outward person perish, yet the inward person is renewed day by day*” (2 Corinthians 4:16, KJV.; AMP.). The perishing is not decay from age alone; it is the Spirit’s patient work, establishing the testimony of Jesus Christ in the earth (Acts 1:8; Revelation 19:10).

Why this holy exchange? Because **salvation** is more than **rescue**; it is complete restoration, the saving of the soul in its fullness (1 Peter 1:9, AMP.). As sons and daughters in the making, **God is perfecting His Christ within us**. The mystery of self is the mystery of death. When we resign our own rule and accept His authority, death has done its work and Life is released.

Those who follow the Lamb wherever He goes are those led by the Spirit; **maturing** sons of God (Revelation 14:1-5; Romans 8:1-15). Here, the Cross is not an end but a **doorway**. It is the power of God working as death to self, so that His Life may be manifested through us to the world.

🌸 Reflection:

...Where is the Spirit inviting me to embrace the present work of the Cross, not as memory but as power?

...What self-dependence must end today so that Christ’s Life may be more fully expressed through me?