

THE CROSS HAS THE FINAL WORD - CODY CARNES



"I started writing the song last year on Good Friday," shares Carnes about the debut single. "I was sitting at home reflecting on the cross and asking God to show me hope in the midst of a world full of darkness and fear. I feel like He spoke that statement 'The Cross Has The Final Word' to me, and it instantly reminded me that He's always in control, that He knows the end from the beginning and that darkness and fear lost its power at the cross. I pray that this song plants faith in your heart as you declare it over whatever situation you're in. I think many times an impossible situation is a setup for God's miracle."

Cody Carnes is a worship leader whose passion is to create a meeting place for God and people with music. Many will recognize him from his time leading worship with Gateway Worship as well as being on the road and leading with his wife and fellow labelmate Kari Jobe Carnes. With Kari, Cody has co-written many songs such as "Let the Heavens Open" from her Dove Award winning album Majestic and most recently eight tracks off of her release The Garden.

"I'm so excited to be joining the Capitol CMG family," Carnes states. "After getting to know them through working on Kari's projects, I've seen them steward albums and songs with humility, integrity and passion. I love that about them, and I believe we'll make some great records together."

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LYRICS

The Cross Has the Final Word
The Cross Has the Final Word
Sorrow may come in the darkest night
but The Cross Has the Final Word

The Cross Has the Final Word
The Cross Has the Final Word
Evil may put up it's strongest fight
but The Cross Has the Final Word

The Cross Has the Final Word
The Cross Has the Final Word
The Savior has the come with the morning light
The Cross Has the Final Word

The Cross Has the Final Word
The Cross Has the Final Word
He traded death for eternal life
The Cross Has the Final Word

There is nothing stronger,
Nothing higher,
Nothing greater,
Than the name of Jesus
All the honor,
All the power,
All the glory,
to the name of Jesus

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The Cross Has the Final Word
The Savior has the come with the morning light
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The Cross Has the Final Word
The Cross Has the Final Word
He traded death for eternal life
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Whatever may come by, by his side
The Cross Has the Final Word

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Colossians 2:8-15, New International Version (NIV)

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹ In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

1. What would you say the song is about?
2. The passage we are going to examine today talks about what the Cross did for us. Read Colossians 2:8. Why do you think Paul has to warn us of these things before talking about the cross?
3. Read verses 9-10. What does it mean that Christ has the “fullness of the Deity”? What does it mean that, in Him, we “have been brought to fullness”?
4. Read verses 11-12. Why does Paul talk about circumcision and baptism?
5. What was the purpose of circumcision for the Israelites?
6. According to the beginning verse 13, what is our status? What does that mean?
7. What did God, through Christ, do for us in verses 13 and 14?
8. How did He do that? What had to happen?
9. According to verses 14 and 15, what was the result of the Cross. How does it have the final word in human history?
10. What does any of this mean for us today? How do we apply this?