

Consequences

- Something following from another:
 - dominoes
 - switching an electrical switch - light, electricity bill...
 - (Caird Hall foundation stone!? King George V and Queen Mary laid it in 1914 by electric press button control from Caird & Ashton Works in the Hawkhill...)
 - Jesus died on the cross:
 - what are the consequences of his death...?
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Mountain top experience

- Looking down, everything seems small
 - perspective?
 - can see connections between things - eg in Edinburgh, from Arthur's Seat
- Here is the mountain top of Scripture, the pinnacle that gives the fullest vista!
 - (IMHO!!)

No condemnation

- Assumes condemnation deserved!
 - in Christ there is a **change** of status
 - though we are sinners, and deserve condemnation, there is now none...
 - that condemnation is lifted by the Cross - substitution...

Sin over-powered

- Assumes sin powerful!
 - it grabs hold of us, and though we don't want to give in (in our best moments), it pulls us down, imprisons us and sets us on track to condemnation and death...
 - that power is defeated by the Cross

Death defeated

- Assumes death an enemy!
 - the consequence of sin is death, the power of sin holds us prisoner to death...
 - but the Cross liberates us, defeating death (see Jesus' resurrection!)

Righteousness restored

- Assumes righteousness desirable!
 - we are not just let in heaven's back door, but declared righteous and remade righteous!

Life of the Spirit given

- Assumes God's divine life can inhabit our frail humanity!
 - wow!

God for us

- If all those so far are the immediate or obvious consequences, there are also less direct, less obvious, deep seated consequences from the Cross
- God is for us!
 - can you really take that in?
 - God is on your side; he's not out to get you, or stop you having a good time, nor even is he disinterested, careless...

Romans 8:1-4, 31-39 The Triumph of the Cross Fintry, 4/12/2011, am

- he's on your side, with you in everything, wanting the best for us...

- And if that is true, who can be against us?
 - what chance has any opposition if God is on our side?
- *(What is God wanting for us? What will he allow in terms of derailment for us?)*

All charges dropped

- As those who are forgiven, free from condemnation, we cannot be subject to a sudden accusation:
 - Satan can't run in and say, "I spotted her doing XXX"
 - no one can spoil God's love for us, put him off us, disrupt his forgiveness, snatch it away from us
 - any charges brought will fall down in the court of heaven, covered already by the Cross!

Love locked in

- God's love for us is locked in, unshakeable, irreversible:
 - no trouble or hardship or opposition or failure can shake us free...

So?

- *Live, love, serve...*