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Surveying the Cross

**When I survey the wondrous cross on
which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but
loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

Sir Isaac Watts penned these words in 1704 in England around the age of 22. I have always loved this song as it challenges each one of us to examine the cross of our Lord. A cruel torturous instrument of execution that has come to symbolize for so many the love of our Lord. When is the last time you seriously and deeply surveyed the cross of Jesus?

When we look at His cross we can not leave the same. I believe we are either drawn to it to cling to the love it represented, or we become hardened and move farther away from our God. A person can not be neutral on the cross of Jesus Christ. Two of Paul's statements on the cross are the source of great insight.

I Corinthians 1:18 *For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

Galatians 6:14 *But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

Paul tells us two things to consider in these passages as we survey the cross. One, it is the power of God to salvation to all believers. Two, when we cling to the Cross we must leave the world behind. I can't wait to look at the cross with each of you Sunday morning. Make sure to be here and invite a friend!

John

You

I John 2:12 *I write to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name.*

John listed several reasons within his letter as to why he had written the letter. Three different categories of people are listed in these three verses. We should consider these as we read and study this book. These are lessons for us as well.

John wrote to the dear children. These are Christians that he played a role in their conversion. First he wanted them to never forget that as a child of God their sins were forgiven. This is true down to this day for us as well. Their sins were forgiven on account of Jesus. Secondly, he wrote to the children because they had known the Father. They were living the Christian life.

John also addressed the older men. He refers to them as fathers. This is not in a religious sense but in terms of spiritual age of these men. They know him who is from the beginning. Again, this is a reference to Christ. Christ has been from the beginning of creation. These men know the Lord. These men have now been serving him for years. Each of should grow to maturity in our service of the Lord.

The third group of individuals addressed was the young men. First these men had overcome the evil one. They have given up their evil ways and have dedicated their lives to Jesus Christ. He also states these young men have the word of God living in them. The key to overcoming is to have God's word in our hearts and minds. These young men have become strong. How is your Christ life progressing? Whether young or old, let's draw closer to him.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Iris Anderson
- Alice Bolton
- Roberta Bolton
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress - NHC Hillview, Rm. 217
- Mary Chumbley
- John Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox
- Vera Daniels
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Helen Lusk-MRMC Rm. 687
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Ned Pollard - undergoing therapy
- Jimmy Quirk - undergoing chemo
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview, Rm. 101-B
- Ethel Spears - NHC Hillview, Rm. 111
- Laura Spires
- Melissa Stutts

Sympathy is extended to Chris Mobley and his family on the death of father in Louisiana.

Sympathy is also extended to Myrna Jett on the death of her brother, Ray Cheek, in Key West, Florida on Sunday.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Briar Mabry recovering from surgery, Dot Martin - sister of Linda Weaver, Stephanie Totty - friend of Melissa Gilmer, Carolyn Macer, mother of Joe, Patricia Luna - aunt of Jason Kelley, Austin Long - uncle of Phillis Churchwell - Williamson Med. Ctr., Susan, Alex and Evan Rector, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Doug Wilson - brother of Peggy Jones, Debbie Spears, Wanda Nix, sister of Debbie Massey, Norma Boyette - sister of Bill Jones & Elaine Whitehead, Roiki Phillips, Juanita Boyd - stepmom of Gary, Kathy Reed - friend of Linda Mabry, Sherry Pritchett - mother of Jody, Dora Bolton - mother of James, JoAnn Anderson - mother of Katherine Nicholson, Ginger Chesnut - cancer, Jay Morgan - father-in-law of Kim, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John Mayberry, Katherine Jones - mother of Alice Bolton, Mike Primm, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219, Joan Hermsdorfer - aunt of Robin Weaver, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Billy Oliver (Poplar Estates, Rm. 201) - brother of Corrine Goetz, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Evelyn Felker - sister/Benny Bolton, Ann Graham - Morning Pointe, Rm. 113, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, Ronnie Springer-leukemia, friend of John & Debbie Massey, Stormy Lyle - 1305 Old Mill Road, Moore, OK 73160, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker.

WORSHIP LEADERS MARCH 20, 2016

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Dennis Thomason
 Song Leader.....Nathan Hixson
 Prayer.....Jody Pritchett
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Randy Jones
 Tommy Hight Cheyenne McNeese
 Trent Hill Larry Nicholson
 Conner Arnett Benny Bolton
 Ed Johnson James Bolton
 Read: I Corinthians 1:18-25.....Gary Boyd
 Sermon: The Cross of Christ.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Sam Quirk
 Prayer.....Blair Keeling
 Read: John 1:14-17.....Blake Daniels
 Sermon: Fulfilling the Law.....John Thomas
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Kevin Mick
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Barry Cross

Ushers: Brennon White, Corey Massey, Brennan McNeese
 Greeters: Ed & Jessica Hargrove, J.B. Hickman, Linda Rochelle
 Audio/Visual: Jimmy Quirk

Security Team: A.M. Jason Kelley, Benny Bolton P.M. Corey Massey, Greg Lusk

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NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Christie Skelley, Cecelia Willis
 P.M.....Melba Lee, Jan & Emily Thomason

WEDNESDAY MARCH 23, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

Song LeaderTrent Thomason
 Prayer.....Boyd Wood
 Announcements/Sppeaker.....Mike Lyle