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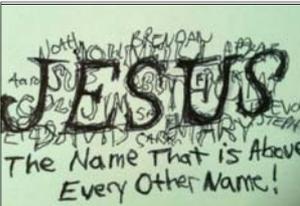
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***The
sacrifices
of God are
a broken
spirit; a
broken and
contrite
heart,
O God, you
will not
despise.***



A Lenten Pastoral Letter



My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Many of you are aware that, after our launch as a Church several years ago, I continued my practice of writing a Lenten Pastoral Letter. The reason I like to continue this custom that many dioceses have dropped, is that it helps me as your Diocesan Bishop share some thoughts with you at a time in the liturgical year when we tend to be in a more reflective mood. Although Lent (as a season of discipline, self denial and fasting) virtually has ceased to exist as many of my generation recall it, I still think that this six weeks reminds us of Christ's own time of preparation in the wilderness, and as we are reminded of it, we should begin to think seriously about our own calling as well.

Almost everyone who reads these words already will have

made a sacrifice in order that you too could follow in the steps of the Master. Just as he set his face towards Jerusalem, knowing what the cost would be, most of us had to make a decision that put property and friendships at risk, and we know that for many, the full price has yet to be paid. It has been a lonely struggle, but one that has its own rewards, manifested in so many ways.

But that is not the path I feel we should be meditating upon this Lent. While we give thanks for having been led in this manner, and the witness we have been able to make to so many other people, our main objective should be to concentrate on where He now is going to lead us as we set our own faces to an uncertain future.

All we have gone through cannot be so that we will create a structure identical to the one we left. True, that church had many sterling quali-

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ties and I hope we always will incorporate them into our own mission. But there has to be a goal we seek as we try to create the church He now wants us to be. Somehow, we have to catch the same zeal we read about in the Acts of the Apostles, when the new young church “turned the world upside down”.

I really am talking about and pleading for Renewal. It is not the “renewal” we associate with Bible Study, although that is part of it. Nor is it the “renewal” we get from revival meetings, charismatic outpourings, and the celebration of the Sacraments, although these too are very much a part of it. It is the renewal that takes place when we learn to “rend our hearts and not our garments and return to the Lord our God”.

Again this year, I encourage you to turn to the Book of Common Prayer and read again the Penitential Service for use on Ash Wednesday (page 611). As familiar as you are with these words, pray them slowly and use them to grasp why we still need to retain these forty days as something very special, without which our relationship with Jesus never can be what it should.

I find one of the positive things about Lent is that it gives us a measurable amount of time to witness growth in our own lives and in that of our congregations. Throughout the whole six week period let us concentrate on prayer – both corporately and especially individually as

step by step we follow the Way of the Cross and the price paid to redeem us. Just a few days ago I came across a folder containing Lenten Messages from my own bishop over a fifty year period. Almost without exception, each one was a call to prayer. And that, dear friends, is what I am hoping this will be as well.

In 1972, my bishop finished his letter with the following prayer that I had long forgotten. I can do no better to conclude this message to all of you than to quote it here:

“Our God and heavenly Father, never let me think that I have knowledge enough to need teaching; wisdom enough to need no correction; talents enough to need no grace; goodness enough to need no progress; humility enough to need no repentance; devotion enough to need no quickening; strength sufficient without thy Holy Spirit; lest standing still, I fall back forevermore! AMEN.”

Your Bishop and Friend,

+ Donald

The Right Reverend Donald F. Harvey

**“Turn thou us, O good Lord,
and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, Be favourable to thy people, who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, Spare them and let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great, And according to the multitude of thy mercies look upon us; Through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”** [BCP]

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A PROJECT OF YOUR REACH OUT COMMITTEE

HERE IS AN IDEA FOR A GIFT WITH MEANING !

The Reach Out Committee will be selling handcrafted pendants to support ARDFC and to help with ANiC's Kenya Malaria Project.

Check out the samples on our REACH OUT Display board at church the next few Sundays. Each pendant is fused glass of a lovely royal blue with the sparkling symbol inside the glass. The hasp on the glass is sterling silver. Each one comes with a black silk cord so it can be worn around the neck. They would go well with a silver chain as well. They are suitable for presents for birthdays, Mothers' Day, Confirmations, graduations, etc.

There will be order forms available and also more information about ordering and timing to allow for the crafting and sending of the pendants. The 'CROSS' is \$22 and the 'FISH' is \$20 . There is also a \$2 HANDLING charge.

Proceeds go to ARDFC [The Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada]. ARDFC is partnering with the Global South Anglican Dioceses to "RESTORE HEALTH, HOPE and DIGNITY in JESUS' NAME".

Become a part of the worldwide church through this project.

Mary Krucker



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THE GOSPEL IN BUD

Let us take heed that we do not despise the ceremonial law, because its work is done. Let us beware of neglecting those parts of the Bible which contain it, under the idea that the believer in the Gospel has nothing to do with them. It is true that “the darkness is past and the true light now shineth” [I John 2: 8]. We have nothing to do now with altars, sacrifices, or priests. Those who wish to revive them are like men who light a candle at noon day. But true as this is, we must never forget that the ceremonial law is still full of instruction. It contains the same Gospel in bud, which we now see in full flower. Rightly understood we shall always find it throwing strong light on the Gospel of Christ. The Bible reader who neglects to study it, will always find at last that by the neglect, his soul has suffered damage. [Expository Thoughts on the Gospels, Bishop J. C. Ryle]

During Lent two passages that “throw strong light on the Gospel of Christ” are Leviticus 16, the description of the ritual of the Day of Atonement, and Isaiah 53, the vivid prophecy of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Some clear teachings that come from the ritual of the Day of Atonement [Leviticus 16] are the following:

1. God is a holy God. Apart from the rich grace of God, no person can come into God’s presence. Only the high priest was permitted into God’s presence and only on the Day of Atonement. The high priest could come only in the way that God prescribed.
2. Salvation is from the Lord. There is no other way to approach God than the way that God Himself has ordained for salvation.
3. Atonement, satisfaction for sin before a holy God, requires death in payment for sin.
4. The sacrifice for sin was a substitution; in the place of the guilty ones, an innocent victim (in Leviticus 16, an innocent animal) died. That is the salvation that God has ordained. The guilty ones played no part at all in the grace they received. They simply received it; it was a gift.

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Want to Go Camping?

Summer is coming!!!!!! Really it is.

Come out and join us for a night or two of camping.

WHERE: at the Milton KOA.

WHEN: on June 3rd and 4th (if we have enough interest).

FACILITIES:

- Water, septic and 30/50 amp. electrical services
- Premium pull-through sites
- WiFi Internet access
- Laundry, shower and washroom facilities
- Recreation rooms
- Children's playground
- Games area
- Convenience store
- Horseshoe pits
- Basketball hoop
- Outdoor swimming pool



If you would like to join your fellow George-ites in camping but you don't have camping gear, the KOA has cabins that they rent. There is lots to do there and it is close enough that we can all get there for a camp fire and wiener roast. Feel free to bring your pets.

We hope many of you will participate. More details will follow. Please contact me with any questions.

Donna Denison



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5. The blood sprinkled before the mercy seat was a propitiation of God's righteous wrath. It was a satisfaction for sin acceptable to a holy God.
6. Salvation includes cleansing from sin and total forgiveness.
7. Repentance is the needed and right response from the guilty.

In the ritual of the Day of Atonement, the two goats together express the salvation God Himself provided. The first goat died as a substitute for the guilty. His blood was sprinkled over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat as a propitiation, a satisfaction for sin that God's righteousness required. After that, all the sins of the people were confessed by the high priest and placed on the head of the second goat. This goat was led out into the wilderness, never to be seen again. All of the sin forgiven, gone forever by the grace of God! Many people appreciate the role of this second goat, but apart from the sacrifice of propitiation of the first goat no forgiveness would be possible. As the writer to the Hebrews declared: "without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins."

Clearly this ritual of the Day of Atonement is "the Gospel in bud, that we now see in full flower" in the gracious sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, the satisfaction that God Himself has provided for sin. It provides important instruction and understanding of the death of the Lord Jesus on our behalf.

Turning now to Isaiah 53, we see a clear Old Testament prophetic picture of the death of Jesus on our behalf and also of His resurrection, drawn with unmistakable accuracy of detail. It is a precious picture, and as Bishop Ryle suggests, our "souls" would "suffer damage" without it.

Some clear teachings from Isaiah 53 are the following:

1. Jesus would be despised and rejected by the very ones He came to save.
2. Jesus was innocent, sinless. "he had done no violence and there was no deceit in his mouth."
3. Jesus was the sin offering provided by God. "It was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief."

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4. Jesus was a substitute for us. “the Lord laid on him the iniquity of us all.” He, the innocent one, took the punishment of the guilty.
5. His death is the means of our peace with God, the means of our cleansing and forgiveness. “Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.”
6. Jesus Himself laid down his life; He was a willing sacrifice. “He poured out his soul to death.”
7. Jesus would rise from the dead. “He shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days.” “Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied.”
8. Jesus’ death would be the means of many being counted righteous. “By his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous.”

A right understanding of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus and His death on the cross depends on these same Old Testament understandings. Indeed the Old Testament “throws strong light on the Gospel of Christ”. In this season of Lent, let us contemplate the treasures that are hidden in the law and the prophets.

Mary Ann Masters

Almighty and most merciful Father,

We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen
[BCP]

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Church of the Messiah news

It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Luke 6:31

We have just entered into the season of Lent, a time of fasting, self reflection and, most importantly, a time to draw closer to God. God has been good to us over the past months and on a more personal level my husband and I have welcomed a new puppy into our home. Bailey is your typical puppy always getting into things that he shouldn't. His latest achievement was eating a portion of the drywall in our kitchen. God used this to show me one of His many lessons. While Bailey destroyed a portion of the drywall, he also managed to hurt his master as we will now need to repair the damages. Bailey also hurt himself when he did this since he ended up sick for a short while. Sin is the same way in our lives, it hurts God. While we will be covering the hole in the drywall with some drywall compound, God covers our sin with the shed blood of Jesus. God needs to clean up our mess just as we clean up Bailey's messes. God loves us so much that He is willing to wash us clean over and over again. We are not to add another layer of mud but to turn away from those things that have hurt our Heavenly Father. This is such a powerful lesson for us all and God uses situations in our lives so that we can see Him more clearly.

The next forty days will take us through a time of testing and also a time of reflecting on Jesus' journey as He set His face to go to Jerusalem. Jesus made a deliberate decision to fulfill God's plan of salvation for us. It is in this journey that we also need to be deliberate in drawing closer to Him through prayer, fasting and digging deeper into His word.

Church of the Messiah has been busy over the last few months. We held our second Annual Vestry Meeting after the service on February 13th. Since our very beginning we have been continually encouraged to look to the future and Peter shared again at this Vestry a financial vision for the future. As we move into our third year as a parish family, we remember our modest beginnings in a home with a weekly Bible Study, then adding a worship service, then a monthly Communion, then being established as Church of the Messiah, then renting space which is now getting too cramped for all our activities. Yet, through these past two years, God has met all our needs in so many ways and we know that He has a plan for us in growing his kingdom. Thank you Lord!



The financial aspects of our space requirements tied to an association with the Youth Ministry in Norwich seem a bit daunting at this time, yet we know that we

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serve a Master who not only calmed the stormy waters, but who heals and redeems all who believe on his name. The Upper Deck also seems to be sensing a need for a bigger space at this time.

This is *the Year of Matthew* for us, as we have been going through his Gospel chapter by chapter since Advent 1. Matthew writes of Jesus being the King who has come to establish the Kingdom of Heaven, which is in fact the right-side up kingdom of this upside down sinful world. As the Body of Christ we are called to go into the harvest fields to gather for the kingdom from a godly standpoint, and not a worldly one (Mt. 9.37-8). Could it be that our worship space may not look like a usual church nave but rather a place where God enables us to encourage one another to reach out into a world which no longer is familiar with what a church building is supposed to be like? Could it be a place where people who do not know Jesus will feel comfortable to come, and where we may have the opportunity to help them meet Him? Perhaps God is calling us to use our space differently, meeting the needs of the community. As we journey through Lent would you pray with us as we wait on the Lord, for his direction and guidance in this decision; that we would hear Him clearly as to timing and location and be fearlessly bold when He directs us to go into that next phase of our ministry.

Bishop Charlie has also challenged us to dig deeper into God's Word, memorizing Scripture. Peter began encouraging us throughout Advent, with a Scripture verse each week tied to the sermon. As a Sunday school teacher I have been asking the children to learn a verse every week; they do this very successfully and I recognize its value and importance. Lent is a perfect time for us to dig deeper and truly to love God's Word enough to learn it. So for those of us who have not been digesting the Word and planting it in our hearts through memory, let us make this a time to correct our behaviour and to move forward. Perhaps we could also spend some time with our children and ask them to encourage us to memorize Scripture for it truly is the bread of life.

Our Bible studies have also been continuing on a weekly basis. Perhaps the most exciting aspect of the studies in Norwich is that the young people are still coming to join us on Monday nights. What began as an adult Bible study has now become a study for people of all ages. We usually begin with a short time of praise and worship followed by a short prayer. From there we go to the Word and end with a time of prayer. Once the children joined us we had to show some patience. The times of prayer would often be filled with giggles and whispering. As the weeks progressed we were able to help them understand the importance of prayer and the need to enter it reverently. The kids were unprepared to join in and were very uncomfortable with the thought of corporate prayer. We encouraged them and just recently they have begun to pray with us, sharing their concerns with our heavenly Father. What began as a difficult ex-

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perience for them is now something very meaningful. It becomes more and more apparent to us that God has placed us here for His purpose and for these children.

St. George's continues to be a wonderful support to us and we are so thankful. Ray David extended an invitation to us recently for any of our children that were considering confirmation. Peter has been spending time with these young people preparing them for confirmation and in some cases



for baptism. God has planted some seeds here in Norwich through the work of the Upper Deck. Our thanks go out to Jacquie and Jason Armstrong and for their call to minister to the young people within this community. We would also like to thank Peter for his commitment to the Lord and his call to ministry.

So as we continue our journey through Lent, we give thanks to God for his provision, for his love, and for his call to us to draw closer and dig deeper into his Word. Please pray that God will continue to impact the lives of our children through the ministry of our Bible study, Sunday school and the Upper Deck. Lord, help us to use this time to repent of all our sins, not covering them up with drywall compound, but with the shed blood of the Lord Jesus.

Sheilagh Roloson

***ANiC/ ACNA Parish Families
FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP
PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 17th @ 3 p.m.***

Co-hosted by Church of the Epiphany and St. Peter by the Park

The event will allow members of ACNA area churches to get acquainted with each other and Bishop Don Harvey – as well as prepare for Holy Week. ANiC and ACNA parishioners are invited.

Location: St John United Church, 195 E 38 St, Hamilton
(where Church of the Epiphany meets)

Information: www.churchoftheepiphanyanic.ca or (905)537 8177

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FROM OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Ramon and Thamara Herrera, Torino, Italy (NW)**20th February, 2011**

“It is an enormous pleasure for me to write this first report after three weeks of our departure. Of course it has been crazy these days in a new country, with a new language and a new culture, but He has been with us every step of the way.

First of all everything stops at 12:30 because it's l'ora del pranzo (lunch time) and nothing comes back to life until 3:30 p.m. So here we were, full of energy going from one place to another, and everything was closed. After going to Torino trying to find a decent car for a good price we decided to look around here at the closer villages, and guess what? We found the car in the same street where the hotel was. When we met the owner, we felt complete peace. Finally we bought a car for the exact amount of money we sold ours for. I gave the man the down payment and asked him to wait until Monday. He didn't give me a receipt, which was a challenge for me but when he saw that I was apprehensive he turned around, picked up his business card and wrote how much I'd paid him. That was my receipt. The reason was that business here is done based on words rather than paper. Praise the Lord we have a car and insurance, and that we are very happy

The Lord has done the same thing with everything we were going to buy. For example, school supplies for the kids; the person in charge kept showing us the best deals, those that only through Him you can find. So instead of choosing the things, we decided to show her the list of things that we needed to buy and we ended up spending, I believe, half of what we would have spent if we weren't under His blessing.

On Friday, we went to buy the kitchen. Here in Italy houses and apartments are rented without a kitchen or even cabinets but they sell the whole thing in one package. It took us a while to figure how to do it, and we started shopping for a kitchen. When we started adding everything up, I felt the anxiety wanting to come in. So we prayed and went out; hear this, we found a kitchen, installed and ready, for less than half of the price.

The bureaucrazy here is huge (no, I didn't spell it wrong, only that it is crazy.)

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Everything has to be done patiently and calmly. Filling out papers and papers, but again, even in that case the Lord puts His hands on it and the people ask us, “Do you want me to fill it out for you?” or if we are missing some documents because we left them at home they look around to the right and to the left and say don’t worry. Just because of Him.

The Lord has been showing us that this is the time to trust and let Him establish His divine connections. He is aligning His people here and there to put His plan in action and it would be thrilling to hear from you about what is going on in your lives since you are part of His marvelous plan. If I can say something I would say to myself: open your eyes and be eager to see His hand working for us, for our benefit, filling us with joy and excitement and realizing in every step that He is wherever we are, side by side.

God bless you,

Ramon, Thamara, and family

To Our St. Georges family,

Chris and I want to thank you personally for making us feel so welcomed on 2nd January when we came to share and give you a little update on our work. It was great to be able to meet Ray David again, and we want to say a special thanks to Ken Bombay for the very warm welcome, and also for a wonderful time of fellowship afterwards at Swiss Chalet. We were really blessed by the love we experienced.

As we leave Canada to return to our work, we want to thank you for your continued support and prayers for this land which is in so much need of God’s mercy, grace and peace. Your partnership with us is very special, as we believe the Lord has put us all together.

With much love, thanks and prayers for your ministry too,
Bev and Chris

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Norm and Audrey Henderson, Mission Aviation Fellowship

27 February, 2011

“Thank you so much for this wonderful news.” (That St. George’s will be supporting them both prayerfully and financially in 2011) “We have now been in Lubango, Angola for three weeks and a day. We have been able to spend most of our days at the CEML hospital and although there is still much to learn, we are starting to get oriented and to recognize some of the areas in which we can help. We don’t yet have our work visas, so for that reason we are just ‘observers’.

Nevertheless, I’ve made some progress on getting the hospital’s phone system back online, as well as the X-ray digitizer, which opens the door for Canadian radiologists to review and give advice on more difficult cases. It’s clear that the hospital has been needing a full-time ‘technology guy’. Today I cleaned up a donated incubator that has been in storage, so that it will be usable in case of need. Actually there was a potential need yesterday, but unfortunately the young mother-to-be had delayed too long in coming for treatment of a serious infection and she, as well as her unborn child passed away last night. Audrey is gaining the confidence of the CEML nursing staff and has visited a local rehabilitation clinic as well. We’ve also been working on some relationships outside CEML that are likely to be helpful to them, and to us in the long run.

At this stage we’re visiting various churches - this morning we heard a Brazilian Doctor/Pastor preach at one of the larger evangelical churches. He and his wife live a few doors from us. We have shared rides to the hospital on several occasions and they are becoming good friends. He gave a very challenging message from Isaiah 6 on “the fear of God”; Norm gave a rough simultaneous translation into English for the Canadian medical student who, as far as we can tell, doesn’t yet have a living personal faith.

Praise God with us:

- for a good start; apart from not knowing our way around very well yet, we feel quite comfortable in our new home and with our new (and renewed, longstanding) friendships
- for relief of Norm’s bronchitis which has continued for some weeks.

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- that we are understanding and being understood reasonably well (Angolans seem to speak a bit more slowly and to open their mouths more than the Portuguese)

Please pray with us for:

- rapid issue of our work visas .
- resolution of the paperwork required so that we can ship our household goods (and several items for the hospital) from Canada as soon as possible
- safe transit for the vehicle we have purchased - it apparently left Dubai yesterday and will arrive in Namibia in about a month, after which we will bring it in by road
- for relief of a nagging hip/leg pain for Norm (I should go to see a doctor one of these days)

We appreciate your prayers so much; thank you for your essential role in this ministry!

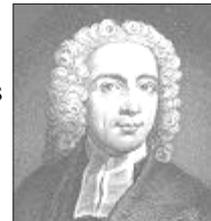
In Christ's love and service,
Norm and Audrey

Isaac Watts 1674–1748

Isaac Watts has been called the greatest hymn writer of all time. He was the eldest of nine children. His father, an educated deacon, was imprisoned more than once for his non-conformist beliefs. He counted it joy to suffer for righteousness sake.

Isaac at a young age was a gifted student of languages; he learned Latin at age 5, Greek at age 9, French at 11, and Hebrew at 13. For 46 years Isaac Watts was the pastor of the famous nonconformist church at Mark Lane in London.

In his lifetime he composed more than 600 hymns; at one period he composed one hymn every Sunday for two years. Among his hymns are: "Joy to the World", "O God Our Help in Ages Past", "Jesus Shall Reign Wher'er the Sun", and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross".



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The Apostles Teach about Jesus' Cross

1. There is only one way to be saved. It is the way that God Himself provided in the Lord Jesus [Acts 4: 11, 12]
2. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. [John 1:29]
3. This salvation is a gift of God's grace. Such a salvation can never be achieved in any other way. [Romans 3: 24; Ephesians 2: 8, 9]
4. Jesus' death is the means of our life. [Ephesians 2: 4,5; Romans 6:3,4]
5. Jesus' death and His blood offered in sacrifice was a propitiation before God. [Romans 3:25; Hebrews 2; 17; I John 2: 2; Romans 5: 9], one sacrifice for all time [Hebrews 10:12].
6. Jesus was our substitute. He took our sin on Himself. Through Jesus' death on the cross we are counted as righteous. [2 Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 2:24; Romans 3:22; Colossians 2: 13, 14]
7. Moreover, Jesus' death is the means of our sanctification. [Colossians 1:21, 22; Hebrews 10:14]
8. Jesus, by his death and resurrection, defeated the evil one for all time [Colossians 2: 15; Hebrews 2:17]



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When I Survey the Wondrous 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.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the Cross of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me
most, I sacrifice them to his Blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his
feet, sorrow and love flow mingled
down; did e'er such love and sorrow
meet, or thorns compose so rich a
crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature
mine, that were an offering far too
small; love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Rev. Isaac Watts

1707