

August 2, 2020

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Olney Church of Christ

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Services

Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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Elders: Mike Gerber, Travis Hall
Deacons: John Frost, Dave Goff, Roger Sholders

Visitors are welcome
We offer Bible classes for all ages
We also offer in-home Bible studies

We have Bible lessons on the radio
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

The hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* gives a picture of things to see when we think about the cross Jesus died on. The first verse states “*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.*”

Since “*all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God*” (Rom. 3:23), it is evident that no one earns salvation (Eph. 2:8-9). Instead, we “earn” “*the wages of sin,*” which is eternal death (Rom. 6:23). Yet, through Jesus, we can be saved from sin and death.

Through Jesus’ death on the cross, it is possible to be redeemed (Eph. 1:7). Christ’s blood paid the ransom price so that we might be released from sin’s bondage.

Through Jesus’ death, propitiation for sins is possible (1 John 2:2). A perfectly just God does not let sin go unpunished. Christ’s death offers the appeasement of God’s wrath against sin.

Through Jesus’ death on the cross, it is possible for man to be reconciled to God (Col. 1:20-21). Though sin has separated us from God, the blood of Christ allows us to be brought back into harmony with Him.

Our consideration of this should lead us to be “*poor in spirit*” (Matt. 5:3) and

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“pour contempt” on our pride. The cross should remind us of how powerless we are without Jesus.

The second verse of *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* says, “*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my Lord; all the vain things that charm me most I sacrifice them to His blood.*” The cross should remind us that all we have to boast in is what Christ has done for us (**Gal. 6:14**). Our own righteousness *alone* does not produce redemption, atonement, justification, and reconciliation.

The third verse of the song states, “*See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did [ever] such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*”

Jesus was “**wounded for our transgressions**” and “**bruised for our iniquities**” (**Isa. 53:5**). It is hard to comprehend the love He showed and the love God showed by allowing Him to die for us (**Rom. 5:6-8**).

The love of God and Christ should cause us to recognize what a shame it is when we mistreat Him by sinning. Sin may offend others, but it is foremost a displeasure to God (cf. **2 Sam. 12:13**).

We sin against God every time we are

disobedient to Him. When we sin, we contribute to the cause that led to Jesus’ death.

The fourth verse of the song *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* says, “*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*”

Even if the earth belonged to us, giving this to Jesus would not be an appropriate response to what He has done. The only appropriate response to His sacrifice is to surrender ourselves to His will (**Rom. 12:1**).

As **2 Corinthians 5:15** says, Jesus “**died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again.**”

The benefits Christ made possible through His death are reaped by those who give their lives to the One who gave His life for us.

When what He expects of us seems difficult, think about what He did *for* us. It is hard *not* to be motivated to love and obey Him when we “survey the wondrous cross.”

-Michael Hickox

Area Gospel Meetings

*Our Gospel Meeting will be
August 9-14 with L.A. Stauffer*

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God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

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Words to Consider

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise... There is gold and abundance of rubies, but the lips of knowledge are a rare jewel... Don't say, 'I will pay back evil.' Wait for the LORD, and He will save you."

– Proverbs 20:1, 15, 22

Prayer List

Holly G
Sandy S
Mabel H
Cheryl S
Norma C
Raymond & Maxine
Ken & Chris F
Brandon O's Grandmother (Lung Cancer)
Jeanette's Mother, Fontella
Jerry S (Prostate Cancer)
Carlyle (Hip)

Daily Bible Reading

August 2 – 2 Chron. 4-6; John 10:24-42
August 3 – 2 Chron. 7-9; John 11:1-29
August 4 – 2 Chron. 10-12; John 11:30-57
August 5 – 2 Chron. 13-14; John 12:1-26
August 6 – 2 Chron. 15-16; John 12:27-50
August 7 – 2 Chron. 17-18; John 13:1-20
August 8 – 2 Chron. 19-20; John 13:21-38

"Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge." – Proverbs 23:12

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, August 2, 2020

Bible Study: Harold

Worship: Larry

Evening: Carlyle

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

John

Clean Building

Patty

Prepare Communion

Linda

Upcoming Reminders

**Our summer Gospel meeting is scheduled for next week (Aug 9-14) with L.A. Stauffer*

Assignments

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Reading: Mike

Announcements: Steve

Table: Mike

Serve: Jim

Dave

Dan H

John

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

Invitation:

Anniversaries

August 15 – Roger & Debbie

Birthdays

August 4 – Steve

August 4 – Mabel

August 5 – Julzy

August 10 – Cheryl

August 11 – Jim

August 19 – Paula

August 24 – Debbie

August 26 – Olivia

August 31 – Stephanie