

Surveying the Cross

There is a great song sung at Easter time called "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross". Looking at the cross for the meaning behind it and Gods plan that was fulfilled by it. I hope that you will take time to reflect on the cross this season to see what message it has for you. There are several things that I see when I look at the cross.

1. Obedience - Jesus was obedient unto death. We as Christians are to be obedient to the word of God. We cannot cherry pick the scriptures for things we like to follow but every word must be applied to our lives. There are way too many hearers of the word. What our world needs today is people who are doers of the word. This season think about the areas of your life that you need to be listening more closely to God about. Put your faith in practice.

2. Love - I am sure that you have heard that the nails did not keep Christ on the cross but that love kept him there. Love for you. Love for all creation. In 1 John it says that if we say that we love God and hate our brother that the truth is not in us. For how can we love God who we cannot see and hate another who we can see. God says that if this is you, you are a liar and the truth is not in you. Learn to love others even those that do not like you.

3. Forgiveness - From the cross Jesus said forgive them. He was talking about you and me. He looked ahead in time and saw us and forgave our sins that day. You and I can be right with God if we get our hearts and souls straight with Christ. Make Him the Lord of your life. The choice is yours but the judgment is His. Make the right choice. Forgive those that hurt you for I am sure that you and I have hurt Christ more than anyone else has hurt us.

We have a lot of activities around the Easter season and I hope you will take time to come and enjoy the grace and mercy of God. Have a blessed Easter and invite someone to church.

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