

If the Cross Should Speak

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The cross is a symbol of God's sacrifice for the sins of the world and a reminder of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, offering forgiveness of sin and salvation through faith.

Scripture: Isaiah 53:5, Ezekiel 18:4, Romans 3:23, Romans 10:13, 1 Corinthians 15:3, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Ephesians 2:8, Colossians 3:1, 1 Peter 2:24, Revelation 20:14

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Description

George H. Alquist Jr. preaches about the profound significance of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, foretold in the Old Testament, where God sacrificed His Son on the cross for the sins of the world. Through Jesus' death, we can receive forgiveness and salvation by faith, as He bore our sins and rose from the grave in victory over sin, offering eternal life to all who believe in Him. The cross, once a symbol of death, now represents hope and eternal life, proclaiming the gospel message of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Transcript

The crucifixion of Jesus Christ upon a cross was foretold by God in the Old Testament hundreds of years before it happened. The cross was, to the Romans and the Jews of the day, a symbol of death. However, it was this very instrument of torture and death upon which God would sacrifice His only begotten Son for the sins of the world. The Bible says, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:5-6). The New Testament, speaking of Jesus Christ states, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree... " (1 Peter 2:24). "For he (The Father) hath made him (Jesus Christ) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (2 Corinthians 5:21)

You see, the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross in our place to die for our sins! We, who deserve to die (Ezekiel 18:4) and spend eternity in hell (Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; Revelations 20:14) can receive forgiveness of sin and salvation afforded by the payment of Jesus Christ on the cross and receiving Him alone as Saviour by faith. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and not that of yourselves: it is the GIFT of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8,9). "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13).

The Bible assures us that Jesus Christ arose from the grave in victory over sin! "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (I Corinthians 15:3,4). He took the symbol of torture and death and turned it into a symbol of hope and eternal life! The Lord no longer hangs on a cruel cross, He no longer sleeps in a borrowed tomb, but occupies a Heavenly throne (Colossians 3:1) from which He offers eternal life to all who will come to Him! If the cross should speak it would shout forth the gospel message of salvation, full and free, by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ!

Dear reader, do you not long for the joy and peace of sins forgiven and a home in Heaven? Would you right now, wherever you are, whatever you are doing, stop and ask Christ to be your Saviour? Pray sincerely from your heart a prayer like this, "Dear God, I know that I am a sinner and undeserving of Heaven. I believe that Jesus Christ died for my sins and rose again from the grave. I now trust Him alone to forgive my sins and ask you, Lord Jesus, to be my Saviour. Thank you for loving me and thank you for saving me and help me to live for you." Amen.

If you have prayed and asked Jesus Christ to be your Savior, we would like to congratulate you. Please write to us of your decision and we will send you some literature that will be a help to you in your Christian life. If you live in our area please come and visit us. We would like to meet you.

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Last night in prayer I saw the cross on which my Saviour died.

I asked, "Dear sir, what was it like?" Before it spoke, it cried.

"Of all the things I could be made why was it picked for me that I should hold the Son of God not able to set Him free!?"

Through tears of grief it broke my heart with mighty depth of pain my bark drank in the blood of God and received that holy stain."

I heard just then the nails cry out in sorrow and dismay, "We too were forced an awful role that dark and gloomy day.

We trembled in the hands of men while with their mallets grim hey forced the nails through sinless hands with which to crucify Him."

And at this point the crown gave way to wails of horror too; "They took my beauty and formed me round His beautiful brow pierced through."

They all in chorus raised one voice with agony profuse, "Please understand we had no choice or power to refuse!"

But then the tomb like steeple bell rang out with great elation, "I could not keep Him, He rose again to offer all salvation."

"Dear friends", said I, "please weep no more nor linger in despair; for you were used of God you see though no one was aware

To bring salvation full and free by grace through faith in Christ, and through belief on Jesus' name the gift of eternal life!"

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