

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

by Isaac Watts

The sermon emphasizes the significance of the cross as a symbol of God's love and sacrifice, encouraging a response of humility, sacrifice, and surrender.

Scripture: Mark 8:34, Romans 12:1, 1 Corinthians 1:18, Galatians 6:14, Philippians 3:7

Topics: "The Cross", "Christian Sacrifice"

Description

Isaac Watts preaches about the profound impact of the wondrous Cross where Jesus, the Prince of Glory, died, leading to a transformation in perspective where worldly gains are seen as loss and pride is humbled. He emphasizes the importance of boasting only in the death of Christ and sacrificing all worldly charms to His blood, reflecting on the love and sorrow that flowed from Jesus on the Cross, culminating in a call to die to the world and live fully for Christ, recognizing the incomparable love and divine sacrifice that demands our entire being.

Transcript

(Galatians 6:14)

When I survey the wondrous Cross
Where the young 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 death 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?
His dying crimson like a robe
Spreads o'er his body on the Tree,
Then am I dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.
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.

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