

Upcoming Events

Panera Bread Open Bible Study: Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.
Hebrews class Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

Thinking about the Cross

“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him”.

2 Corinthians 5:21

“But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world”. Galatians 6:14

June Birthdays

9 Debbie Pescador 12 Celina Perales 19 Tamasi Letalu

June Anniversaries

5 Kurt & Debbie Hoffman 9 Sue Tanner
11 Marcos & Celina Perales

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

By Patrick Hogan

Isaac Watts, who lived from 1674 to 1749 continues to influence Christians worship over 250 years after his death. During his lifetime he wrote approximately 600 hymns, many of which are still used in worship today.

In 1707, he wrote "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." The words to the second verse are: "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." This thought is surely based on the apostle Paul's affirmation in Galatians 6:14, *"But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."*

When we reflect on (survey) the cross, we should truly be amazed and humbled. When we survey the cross we see the reality of sin, for if it were not for mankind's sin, the death of Jesus would not have been necessary. We also see the high cost of redemption. To redeem us required the death of the Son of God! The cost of redemption reminds us of how serious sin truly is.

When we survey the cross we are reminded that the price for our redemption has been paid. Because of the cross we have been spared from condemnation.

When we survey the cross we are told in no uncertain terms that God loves us. As unbelievable as it may seem, He really loves us.

May we, like Paul, determine to glory only in the cross of Jesus.

Anxiety

“...casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you”

1 Peter 5:7

Some helpful thoughts from the Pulpit Commentary

Homily by J.R. Thomson

The ill that calls for remedy. This is anxiety; and from the beginning human life has abounded in occasions of anxiety. No doubt the measure of this evil varies with the character and temperament of individuals, and with their needs and circumstances. The anxieties of some are personal; those of others are relative. Many are anxious because health is broken, or circumstances are narrow, or a vocation is uncongenial. Some are anxious concerning the prospects of their children, others concerning the state of their Church or their country. The anxieties of not a few arise from their spiritual state - their temptations, doubts, and fears. These anxieties are distractions and have a tendency to depress the spirits, to mar happiness, to cripple in the discharge of duty.

The remedy proposed for this ill. It is, in the simple language of St. Peter — language prompted, there can be no doubt, by his own personal experience — to cast anxiety upon God. But how is this to be done? It is to be done by confession, i.e., where there is a consciousness of sin, where there has been distrust or murmuring. By prayer; in which deliverance is to be sought. *“Roll thy burden,”* said the psalmist, *“upon the Lord.”* By faith; in which the anxious Christian, convinced of God’s all- sufficiency, is content to leave all that concerns him in the wise and merciful hands of his Father and Savior. Whether the cause for anxiety be temporal or spiritual, great or small, personal or relative, the remedy is the same, and is equally efficacious.

The encouragement to apply the remedy to the ill with a view to relief and cure. The apostle assures us that God *“careth for us.”* By this we understand that He observes, being minded otherwise than the fabled Epicurean deities, who were deaf to human cries and indifferent to human affairs. And He takes a deep

and sympathetic interest in the condition and the sorrows of His children upon earth. Nor is this all. There are ways in which God gives expression to His interest and care for His own. By His providence He guides and governs all human affairs for their good. And by His Spirit He brings their hearts into harmony with His will, and thus causes all things to work together for their good.

Beating Worry

By David Bragg

Time has a way of improving the conditions of daily lives. What posed as hardship for my grandparents are today’s luxuries. Surrounded with gadgets and gizmos to make life easy, why can’t they invent something, anything that will remove worry from our lives?

Volumes have been written to abate the damage worry causes. Man may find more things to worry about, but Jesus alone holds the secret to beat worry. Jesus said that to neutralize stress one must keep clear, spiritual priorities (Matthew 6:33). The Christian is entitled to place his trust in God. Unlike the rest of creation, God gives the faithful disciple the benefits of His protection (v. 26). Let God have priority over any and every problem and one can live without being crushed by worry.

Worry, and the stress it spawns, can be reduced by living one day at a time (Matthew 6:34). Jesus teaches that God is well aware of our needs. Dream big about tomorrow but don’t steal its heartaches. These are literally the times that try men’s souls. Jesus alone can bring contentment to the stressed-out world.

Quotations about Worry

“Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrow, it only saps today of its joy.” - Leo F. Buscaglia -

“If you want to test your memory, try to recall what you were worrying about one year ago today.” - E. Joseph Cossman -