

BOTH the Cross AND the Resurrection

“Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed”

(John 20:8)

The significance of Jesus' death and resurrection

“He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.” (Romans 4:25)

**The Spirit of God unites us to Christ
so that his death becomes our death,
and his life becomes our life.**

(John Piper)

God laid on him the iniquities that we performed, and God laid on us the righteousness that he performed.

(John Piper)

**He takes our sin, though he didn't
perform it.**

**And we take his righteousness,
though we didn't perform it.**

(John Piper)

And so by the faith that unites us to Christ we stand before God forgiven for all our sins and righteous with the imputed righteousness of Christ.

(John Piper)

A lack of emphasis on the resurrection



Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

“Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance...

Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate...

[God’s grace] is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ... Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son...”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all

When we face the struggles of life, when our hearts are prone to wander, and when following Jesus seems too costly for us to bear, we must remember the cross, but we must not stop there, we must also remember the resurrection of Christ.

“Calvary expresses the love of God. The resurrection explains the power of God.”

(Leonard Ravenhill)

The Power of Jesus' Resurrection

“I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.”

(Philippians 3:10-11)

Paul's Prayer

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know... his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead...

(Ephesians 1)

A New Life

“Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Romans 6:4)

- Life of Holiness and Abundance (1 Peter 1:16, John 10:10)

**I can't
or
I won't**

“Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed” (John 20:29)

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Just as I am, though tossed about With
many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings
and fears within, without, O Lamb of God,
I come!