CROSS OF JESUS, CROSS OF SORROW

Hymn Devotion - April 6

Scripture – Galatians 6:14

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,

Where the blood of Christ was shed,

Perfect man on thee did suffer,

Perfect God on thee has bled!

Here the King of all the ages,

Throned in light ere worlds could be,

Robed in mortal flesh is dying,

Crucified by sin for me.

O mysterious condescending!

O abandonment sublime!

Very God Himself is bearing

All the sufferings of time!

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,

Where the blood of Christ was shed,

Perfect man on thee did suffer,

Perfect God on thee has bled!

William John Sparrow-Simpson (1860-1952)

The cross of Jesus is very definitely a cross of sorrow, the blood of Christ was shed there. He was a perfect man and he did SUFFER and the blood of a perfect God was shed.

It seems mysterious that anyone would chose to come from heaven, paradise to earth knowing what was going to happen. It was grand, supreme, yet controlled exit from heaven to earth - prophesied long before it ever happened. Very God through Jesus Christ is bearing the suffering for all time - the ultimate sacrifice for our sins.

The repeat of the first verse again, helps us to keep well in mind the message of this hymn. It is Christ, perfect man, perfect God, on this cross of sorrow, suffering, where the blood of Christ was shed for US!

1. Whose cross?

2. What is the emotion?

3. What is the state of the man who suffered there?

4. What was the state of God that bled there?

5. Verse 2: What is the status of the crucified?

6. Ere is before. When was He enthroned?

7. How is this dying person robed?

8. What is the reason for this crucifixion?

9. Verse 3: How is the entrance of Christ to this world described?

10. Abandonment is under control, controlled leave. Sublime means grand, supreme.

“Rewrite” the phrase ‘O abandonment sublime!’ To say what it means:

11. Who is bearing?

12. What is He bearing?

13. Verse 4: The cross of Jesus =

14. What happened on the cross?

15. What did Perfect Man do?

16. What did Perfect God do?

THE HEAD THAT ONCE WAS CROWNED

Hymn Devotion - April 7

Scripture – Philippians 2:8-10

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| The head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now; A royal diadem adorns The mighty Victor’s brow.  The joy of all who dwell above, The joy of all below, To whom He manifests His love, And grants His Name to know.  To them the cross with all its shame, With all its grace, is given; Their name an everlasting name, Their joy the joy of Heaven.  The cross He bore is life and health, Though shame and death to Him, His people’s hope, His people’s wealth, Their everlasting theme.  Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)  Note HIS people’s (those who believe in Him)  hope - HIS people’s wealth - not wealth in  money or position but wealth in the forgiveness  of sin and a relationship with Jesus. The  everlasting theme is the one of forgiveness,  hope and a relationship with Christ.  Thank-you Jesus for your sacrifice and the joy  through the forgiveness of sin that is felt on  earth and in heaven when someone believes in  you and accepts you as their Lord and Savior.  Praise God. |

1. Whose head was once crowned with thorns?

2. What is it crowned with now?

3. Diadem is a crown. What kind of diadem?

4. How is Christ described here?

5. Verse 2: Who is He the joy of?

6. How is the giving of His love described here?

7. How does He allow His name to be known?

8. Verse 3: To us the cross with all its

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9. Believers = their name - Is what kind of name?

10. What is their joy?

11. Verse 4: Who is the cross life and health to?

12. What was the cross to Him?

13. Whose hope?

14. Whose wealth?

15. What kind of theme is it?

MY SAVIOR’S LOVE

Hymn Devotion - April 8

Scripture – Romans 5:6-8

I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how He could love me,  
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

*Refrain  
O how marvelous! O how wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be:  
O how marvelous! O how wonderful!  
Is my Savior’s love for me!*

For me it was in the garden  
He prayed: “Not My will, but Thine.”  
He had no tears for His own griefs,  
But sweat drops of blood for mine.

In pity angels beheld Him,  
And came from the world of light  
To comfort Him in the sorrows  
He bore for my soul that night.

He took my sins and my sorrows,  
He made them His very own;  
He bore the burden to Calvary,  
And suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see,  
’Twill be my joy through the ages  
To sing of His love for me.

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel (1856-1932)

Marvelous and wonderful is only two ways to describe Jesus’ love for us - the very fact that He would take the sorrow of our sin upon himself and die to free us from burden of sin can only be for one reason - Love! For us eternally it is marvelous and wonderful. Thanks be to God!

1. How do we stand?

2. In Whose presence?

3. What do we wonder?

4. List the condition and the two adjectives describing the condition:

5. Verse 2: Where was it?

6. What did He pray?

7. Did He shed tears for His own grief?

8. What did He do for ours?

9. Verse 3: How did the angels behold Him?

10. Where did they come from?

11. What did the angels do for Him?

12. What did He bear for us that night?

13. Verse 4: What did He take?

14. What did He make them?

15. Where did He bear them to?

16. What happened there?

17. Verse 5: Who will we be with in glory?

18. What shall we see?

19. What will be through the ages?

20. What will we sing?

21. The Chorus: List the “Hows”:

22. What shall ever be?

23. What is marvelous and wonderful?

CHRIST AROSE

Hymn Devotion - April 9

Scripture – Romans 5:6-8

Mark 16:6

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior,  
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

*Up from the grave He arose,  
With a mighty triumph o’er His foes,  
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,  
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose!  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior;  
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain

Death cannot keep its Prey, Jesus my Savior;  
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain

Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

There is nothing in Christianity that is more important than the fact that Jesus arose from the dead! For if He didn’t the whole basis for our faith would be a lie - all the Old and New Testament saints that were martyred for their faith died for no reason. Fear not it is not a lie - there are more historical, non biblical facts to support the resurrection than Biblical and we have the Gospels - the eye witness accounts of the Resurrection - We can rest assured that Jesus arose and that He is preparing a place (John 14:1-4)for those who believe. We will reign with Him forever! Hallelujah!

1. Where did He lay?

2. Who?

3. What was He waiting?

4. Who?

5. Verse 2: How did the soldiers watch His bed?

6. Who was in that “bed”?

7. What did they do vainly?

8. Who was the dead?

9. Verse 3: What cannot death do?

10. Who was its prey?

11. What did He tear away?

12. Who tore them?

13. The Chorus: Where did He arise from?

14. Who did He triumph over?

15. What did He arise as?

16. Over what?

17. What does He do now?

18. With Whom and for how long?

19. What did He do?

20. We rejoice saying?

21. Who arose?

THE STRIFE IS O’ER

Hymn Devotion - April 10

Scripture - I Corinthians 15:55-57

John 2:19

The strife is o’er, the battle done;  
The victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun:

Alleluia!

Refrain

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The powers of death have done their worst;  
But Christ their legions hath dispersed;  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst:

Alleluia!

Refrain

The three sad days are quickly sped;  
He rises glorious from the dead;  
All glory to our risen Head!

Alleluia!

Refrain

He closed the yawning gates of hell;  
The bars from heaven’s high portals fell;  
Let hymns of praise His triumphs tell!

Alleluia!

Refrain

Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
From death’s dread sting Thy servants free,  
That we may live, and sing to Thee:

Alleluia!

Refrain

Latin Hymn

Symphonia Serenum Selectarum, 1695

Translated by Francis Pott (1832-1909)

We can never praise God enough for what He did for us through Christ Jesus - Alleluia is not over stated in this hymn!!

1. What negative is the undone? (First line of each verse)

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

2. What did Christ do in each verse? (Second line of each verse)

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

3. How do we respond? (Third line of each verse)

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

4. What is the close of every verse?

Alleluia means Praise God or God be praised.