

God and yet a Saviour. See there mercy and truth met together, righteousness and peace embracing each other.

How important then is the Cross of Christ! As a fact, it is the central-fact of Christianity. As a doctrine, all the other doctrines of the Christian system, derive their value from it. Just as the central orb, the sun, gives light and warmth to all the planets, and keeps them in their orbits by the mighty power of his attraction, so it is by the light of the Cross that we see the harmony and the beauty of Christianity in all its parts, and by its moral power that men are drawn to God and kept in the orbit of duty. The doctrine of the Cross is the key-stone in the arch of truth. In human society, we see many social, political and moral disorders. The gospel is the grand remedy for them. He who glories in the Cross, and lives under its power, and seeks the diffusion of the truth respecting it, is the true philanthropist. It is the truth of the gospel that the Holy Spirit owns in restoring men to the favour and image of God.

The crucifixion is attractive, because of the divine glory, which it exhibits. Behold that moral glory, O child of God, and earthly beauties will grow dim, in your estimation, just as do the stars, at the approach of the king of day, and Jesus will appear to you "altogether lovely." You will, thus beholding the Cross, grow in conformity to Christ, and become increasingly fitted for usefulness on earth, and for God's service in heaven. Dwell beneath the hallowing influence of the Cross.

Sinner, come to the Cross of Jesus. Is it nothing to you that the loving Jesus should have endured such agony and shame for you? You are acting the part of a madman and an ingrate to reject the blessings, which may be yours by faith in the crucifixion.

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A true Christian is neither afraid of dying nor living; he desires to go to Heaven to see CHRIST, yet is willing to stay upon earth to serve CHRIST.