

He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces.—Isaiah xxv. 8.

**“KEEP BY THE CROSS.”**



**Y**EARS ago, I was climbing a mountain, and having no guide, was not sure of finding my way. Several bye-paths branched off in various directions, and I was afraid of taking one or other that might lead away from the summit. But a word was given me that made all plain. A cottager, living close by, told me of a large wooden cross that had been erected to point out the right turning. She told me to “Be sure and keep by the cross,” and I could not go astray.

In a higher sense I would repeat the word of counsel which this woman gave me. To every traveller on life's journey, to every one who would find a home on Zion's Hill, with all earnestness and affection I would say, “Keep by the Cross.”

“Keep by the Cross,” putting your full confidence in Him who died as a sacrifice for your sin. From first to last let this be your only hope. Humbly draw nigh to God, resting in the blood of Christ, and assured that through Him,

as your Propitiation, you may now be forgiven and accepted, and through Him may ever abide in the favour and love of God.

“Keep by the Cross.” Thus will you learn to hate all sin. Your sins and iniquities were the nails in the Saviour's hands and feet, the thorns in His temples, the stripes on His body, the spear in His wounded side. Will you not abhor the evil that thus brought death to your best Friend? Will not you hate the sin which crucified the Saviour?

“Keep by the Cross.” It will teach you more to love the crucified One. As you think of His death, as you dwell on all He did for your salvation, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, you will learn to see how greatly He loved you, and this will kindle your love to Him.

“Keep by the Cross.” The remembrance of Christ's death will assist you in bearing patiently the cross that may be laid upon you. Has He not said, “If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me?”

“Keep by the Cross.” So will you be able to meet death with cheerful hope. He who died for you will stand by your side. He will hold your hand as you pass through the dark river; and, washed in His most precious blood, you shall join the white-robed throng before the throne, and share their song of praise and gladness, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.” (Rev. v. 12).

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**HELD**

**Every Saturday Evening,**

**AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.**

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In the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavillion; in the secret of His tabernacle shall he hide me: He shall set me up upon a rock.—Ps. xxv. 8.