

**BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH**  
SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE  
October 3, 2021

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This morning's Communion Sunday message is taken from Galatians 6:14-16

**MAKING OUR BOAST IN THE CROSS**

**Welcome!**

*We're very glad you've chosen to be with us today for our online Sunday worship service. We sincerely hope this time of worship will be a blessing to you.*

**Order of Service**

*(hymns attached)*

**Welcome**

*Hymn #327, "The Old Rugged Cross"*

*Opening Prayer*

*Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:14-16*

*Hymn #319, 'Near the Cross'*

*Announcements / Offering*

*Church Family Time*

**Message**

*Communion Meal*

*Hymn #328, "In The Cross I Glory"*

**Closing Prayer**

## Hymn #327: The Old Rugged Cross

*George Bennard*

On a hill faraway stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross, where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

### ***Chorus***

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down.  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it someday for a crown.*

O the old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary.

### ***Chorus***

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see;  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died  
To pardon and sanctify me.

### ***Chorus***

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear.  
Then He'll call me someday to my home faraway,  
Where His glory forever I'll share.

### ***Chorus***

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## **Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:14-16**

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. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

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## Hymn #319: Near the Cross

*Fanny J. Crosby*

Jesus, keep me near the cross—  
There a precious fountain,  
Free to all, a healing stream,  
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

### ***Chorus***

*In the cross, in the cross  
Be my glory ever,  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me;  
There the Bright and Morning Star  
Sheds its beams around me.

### ***Chorus***

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day  
With its shadows o'er me.

### ***Chorus***

Near the cross, I'll watch and wait,  
Hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand,  
Just beyond the river.

### ***Chorus***

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## **MAKING OUR BOAST IN THE CROSS**

It may seem strange that Paul would boast in a 'cross'. A cross was a despised thing. But Paul didn't boast in just 'any' cross. He boasted in the cross of Jesus--where in great humility (Philippians 2:6-9), the Son of God "despised the shame" (Hebrews 12:2) to redeem us. No wonder Paul made it his 'boast'!

This passage shows us that when we make our boast in the cross of Jesus, certain things fall into place ...

1. **THIS WORLD'S EVALUATION WILL CEASE TO HAVE ANY HOLD UPON US (v. 14).**  
*(See 1 John 2:15-17; Philippians 3:7-11.)*
2. **BEING A 'NEW CREATION' WILL BE ALL THAT MATTERS (v. 15).**  
*(See Romans 6:4-6; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20.)*
3. **GENUINE PEACE AND MERCY FROM GOD THEN BECOME OURS (v. 16).**  
*(See Galatians 3:29; Romans 2:28-29.)*

*Question:  
Have you made sure  
that the cross of  
Jesus is your only  
boast before God?*



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## **Hymn #328: In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

*Ralph E. Hudson*

In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me.  
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
By the cross are sanctified.  
Peace is there that knows no measure.  
Joys that through all time abide

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**Thank you for joining us!**

**We are open for in-person services!**

**We will continue to broadcast here on FaceBook Live, and ask that all who come to the church for in-person services read this first:**

**RE-OPENING NEWS: *<http://bethanybible.org/new/?p=6336>***

**Be sure to visit our website at [www.bethanybible.org](http://www.bethanybible.org) for sermon and Bible study notes – and join us this Wednesday at 10:00AM (PST) for our Wednesday morning Bible study (broadcast at 12PM PST)!**

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**Thank you, and God bless you!**