

Daily Devotion For April 14, 2022

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." Galatians 6:14

In my devotional yesterday I spoke of the cross as being a symbol of our Christian faith. But what was it that changed the cross from a symbol of torture, suffering and death to the most glorious and beloved symbol for Christians? It was the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave. If Jesus had not risen from the dead, no one would have glorified anything so hideous and repulsive as the cross stained with the blood of Jesus. A dead Christ could not have been our Savior. An unopened grave would never have opened up heaven to us and we and all the people who are in churches around the world today would all be fools.

But the fact is that Jesus did rise from the dead. On the cross he paid the penalty for our sins. But coming forth from the tomb he conquered sin and death and gave to all who put their faith and trust in Jesus a home in heaven.

Thought For Today: Every time the gospel is preached and those who hear the message receive Jesus as Savior and Lord, they come to faith by way of the cross. Paul said in Galatians 6:14, may I never boast of anything except the cross of Christ. Have you come to the cross of Jesus? Do you know the forgiveness of sins through the cross and the power of Christ's resurrection?

Today's Prayer Focus: While watching the NBA Today show, Charles Barkley asked for prayers for Rev. Herb Lusk. He met Herb while playing for the Philadelphia 76ers and Herb was playing for the Philadelphia Eagles. Herb Lusk was my classmate at Monterey High School in 1972. He is a well known pastor and was noted as "the kneeling running back", who was the first NFL player to ever kneel in the endzone after he scored a touchdown. His father was also a well-known pastor in Seaside. Please keep Herb in prayer. Deo Volente.