Daily Devotion For April 13, 2023

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 crossed 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: Continued prayers for those who are in need of God's comforting and healing touch.   Deo Volente.