

The Place of Our Reconciliation With God.

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Watchman Nee emphasizes the profound significance of Christ's separation on the Cross as the foundation of our reconciliation with God and the ongoing necessity of His atoning death in our lives.

Scripture: Isaiah 53:5, Mark 15:34, John 3:16, Romans 5:10, 2 Corinthians 5:18-19, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 2:13-16, Colossians 1:21-22, Hebrews 9:28, 1 Peter 2:24

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Description

Watchman Nee emphasizes that sin creates a separation from God, a truth that must be understood both theoretically and experientially. He reflects on Christ's cry from the Cross, illustrating the profound spiritual separation He endured to reconcile humanity with God. This unique aspect of Christ's death highlights the necessity of recognizing our ongoing need for His atoning sacrifice, even after becoming Christians. Nee urges believers to embrace the spirit of the Cross, allowing its transformative power to shape their lives and deepen their love for Christ. Ultimately, he calls for a personal relationship with the death of Jesus to fully appreciate the beauty of grace.

Transcript

Sin brings separation.

This is a Divine law which we need to know, not only theoretically but experimentally, and the Cross is the only place where we learn that lesson thoroughly.

Listen to the words of Christ as He hangs on Calvary's tree, -- "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" (Mark xv. 34).

This is not the expression of One suffering physical death merely, but of One passing through spiritual separation from God. The sinless Christ had never been separated from His Father. Throughout the countless ages of Eternity they were One.

This blessed oneness was seen throughout His earthly life, and it was that which sustained Him and enabled Him to bear the contradiction of sinners against Himself.

But on the Cross, Christ lifted the load of our sin upon Himself and went into the awful darkness of separation in order to reconcile us to God.

It is this spiritual separation which Christ endured instead of us, which constitutes the meaning of the reconciliation and makes the death of Jesus unique.

Christ was forsaken in that dark hour FOR ME. Oh! child of God, if you forget this, you lose the spirit of that which makes the Cross the power of God unto salvation!

We need to come back to this aspect of the death of Jesus until its spirit takes possession of us, and the very principle of Calvary becomes established in our lives.

How reluctant we are to own that not only was it necessary for us to come to the Cross for reconciliation when we were in sin, but that after we become Christians we need the atoning death of Jesus to keep us from departing from God.

We often talk of "grace" in cold, theological terms, but as we come into personal relationship to the death of Jesus, grace is revealed in all its loveliness, and we are fired with a passionate love for Christ.

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