



Shiloh Messenger

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Sincerely Survey

**“ May my only boast be found in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
Galatians 6:14**

“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross” is considered one of the most excellent hymns ever written. This hymn was written in 1707 By Isaac Watts in preparation for a Communion Service. Watts Included Theology in his hymns. He believed that hymns should echo the theme of the Sermons. This Hymn was found to be based on God’s Word from Galatians 6:14. The word Survey is a weighty word that has great implications. The word Survey means to look over closely, to check out, examine, inspect, review, observe, delve into, explore, investigate, research, & study. And the very opposite, or the antonym for Survey is to miss, glance, or skim over. If we are not careful we can take for granted, & become careless about the significance of The Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We must truly be a people that surveys The Wondrous Cross. We must find ourselves sincerely & adamantly not wanting to miss, or skim over the priceless significance of The Cross of CHRIST. We see people everywhere who wear a cross, have crosses on their walls, clothing, and other items. It is one thing to have a Symbol of a Cross in our possession... But another.... to have been Redeemed by Our Saviors Blood, and to look closely into HIS life and what HE did for us, & then to steward this Sacred relationship wholeheartedly. Everyday is an opportunity to explore our covenant relationship that has been purchased by LOVE. When we study HIM on a regular basis we find ourselves taking on the posture of humility. We become yielded to Holy Spirit the more, & boasting not in our own accomplishments & successes, but our boast being found only in The Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Galatians 6:14. When we think about HIS Body & HIS Blood that was given for the remission of our sins... but yet still can not even imagine the torture of the Cross that JESUS bore.... It is humbling and there is absolutely nothing we can boast of except The LORD JESUS CHRIST. Yes indeed... Ponder these Poignant words of this old hymn.....

“When I survey the wondrous Cross, On which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my Lord. All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to HIS BLOOD.

See from HIS Head, HIS Hands, HIS Feet, Sorrow & Love flow mingled down. Did ever such love and sorrow meet, Or THORNS compose so rich a CROWN.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an offering far too small.

LOVE SO AMAZING, SO DIVINE, DEMANDS MY SOUL, MY LIFE, MY ALL.”

Oh that we be a people that survey... look closely, check out, examine, inspect, review, observe, delve into, explore, investigate, research & study JESUS through Scriptures, through prayer and inviting Holy Spirit’s Presence to reveal the unfathomable love of JESUS for we a people that are indeed wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked without HIM. OH how we need JESUS. May it be said of us, We daily survey The Wondrous Cross, & our lives indeed depict & represent Gratitude to HIM. The Celebration of JESUS & HIS Brutal Prelude to death, the agonizing horrific sacrifice HE gave for us, HIS Burial, Resurrection and Ascension should not be limited to an annual celebratory service. When HE is indeed LORD of our lives, It is of utmost everyday to Survey.... with an earnest desire to become conformed to HIS IMAGE.

Lord Jesus, help us not take it lightly the cost YOU suffered and gave, the pricelessness of in YOUR Palms, Our names engraved. Isaiah 49:16 is specifically YOUR HEARTBEAT our Redeemer, YOU are The Spotless Lamb of GOD, No other Intervener. Nothing or no one could hold YOUR HOLY LOVE from exploding, and YOUR DEITY, ALMIGHTY GOD, JESUS, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS from unfolding.

“ May my only boast be found in the cross of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. IN HIM I have been crucified to this natural realm & the natural realm is dead to me and no longer dominates my life.” Galatians 6:14.

Shiloh Graduate

I give Praises to The Lord because HE is good & deserving of all Praise. Gladly & with humility, do I thank God for all that I am able to. "And you shall love The Lord your God with all your heart, & with all your soul, & with all your might." Deuteronomy 6:5 (NKJ). I find that I feel as though my Praises & thanks fall so short when in comparison to HIS unfailing, unending, & everlasting love for me. Throughout my year with Shiloh Church & Ministries, God has shown me through Holy Spirit that even my words don't compare to how marvelous knowing Jesus as Savior & Lord of my life is, & how deep The Father's love is. Also I have so very much gratitude for every individual who saw my family through the loss of Mom, (Theresa Gault) in her fight against cancer. With the loving prayers, hugs, & tears shed, We stand & thank The Lord God in celebration of life that HE gave Mom & for all of us who know Jesus as Lord. I know in my heart that she is cheering me on through the perseverance & endurance of Faith, Hope, & Love until The Lord comes to take me home, or we see Him come again on that glorious day that we so long for. I am Thankful for all supporters of Shiloh Ministries whether through faithful Prayers unto The Lord on behalf of all men who attend Shiloh or by your giving through offerings & donations. None of us brothers would have the opportunity without such cheerful givers such as yourself, so with all my heart, I say Thank You! I am thankful for my Dad, Tracy Gault who sought The Lord Jesus at the age of 21 before The Lord blessed him with the family we are today. I look eagerly & with gladness in expectation & anticipation of God's Favor & blessings to move in such a mighty way through my Dad and myself in our faithful works through serving The Lord together for His Glory & unto His Kingdom. I also thank my brother Timothy, for seeing me though the tough years of drug addiction. Thank you, Timothy Gault for making the phone call to my Probation officer & for standing firm when needed most in behalf of what is right & good. I love you Bubba! I love you Sister for being next to Mom in her last days when no one else could. Tricia, I love you so very much, & I am grateful that God gave me you as my Sister. Lastly, I would like to thank the Staff at Shiloh Ministries who saw me through this year & bared my burdens with me while also teaching me how to understand & do the same with my other brother's & their burdens. Of course this goes without saying, yet couldn't be said enough, Thank you, Pastor Rocky & Sister Debbie for saying Yes to Jesus & His calling upon your surrendered lives in serving Him through Shiloh Ministries. Myself & so very many others are Thankful & grateful for you both, for all that is done each & every day & Your continued Yes to Jesus! As for my testimony, let me be found speaking the precious Name of Jesus & let me be found faithfully trusting in HIS Love for me & for all who are willing to seek Him first each & every day we live. Now & forevermore will I continue singing Praises to Jesus for all HE has done for me & for allowing me the opportunity to experience Him through my year at Shiloh & to encounter His desire for an intimate relationship with Him as my Father, my Friend, Savior, Lord, Shepherd & Lover! "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, & Holy Ghost." With Much Love, Trent Gault



Shiloh Ministries is one of The Lord's many Ministry tools to reconcile men for restoration. We are blessed to be used of Him to preach the un-searchable riches that are in Christ Jesus (Eph. 3:8). Everyday we are hearing such wonderful testimonies of our Graduates pursuing their calling of a Godly husband, father, missionary, Staff person at local Churches and a minister of reconciliation in the work place. We are asking that you prayerfully consider financially supporting Shiloh Ministries every month. The Lord's ministry at Shiloh has always been financially free for the man who desires freedom from his addictions. Because of this, we simply trust The Holy Spirit to lead people to give financially. This ministry is grateful to those who express gratitude to God by co-laboring with us in discipleship. The expenditures are huge managing a campus that houses over 30 students, staff & interns. Please prayerfully consider Shiloh Ministries every month as good ground for your financial seed. We invite you to visit our web-site and read our Testimony section. It bares witness of our graduates fruit that is on display, for The Glory of God. Thanks for your giving to The Lord's Ministry at Shiloh!

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