

Exalt The Glory of The Cross

“Let us raise our voices to the cross of Christ where the earth and heaven unite. God has wed creation on the tree of hope where the darkness becomes our light. Let us join in the dance of heaven and earth, give thanks for the goodness of God.” *Glory of the Cross Dan Schutte*

“...God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to glory of God the Father.”
Philippians 2:9-11

When we walk without the cross, when we build without the cross and when we proclaim Christ without the cross, we are not disciples of the Lord. We are worldly. We may be bishops, priests, cardinals, popes, all of this, but we are not disciples of the Lord. Pope Francis

| Exalt | Exaltation leads to true repentance | Repent |
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| Rejoice | To exalt the life of Christ, means to live a life of Christ. The greatest way that we can exalt and praise God, is to do so by our lives. We tend to think of repentance and sorrow for our sins, as a bad thing; the sin itself is wrong, but feeling remorse for our sins and wanting to change the effects of our sins, that is beautiful and that's the direction God wants us to take. To truly be sorry for our sins, we must have a contrite heart that weeps when we sin, but at the same time, we cannot be down-hearted and sad, we must be joyful and jubilant that we are sinners, who see the error in our ways and want to become something greater than sin. There is no great exaltation than to turn away from sin and imitate the life of Christ! | Contrite |
| Celebrate | | Atone |
| Jubilant | | Lament |
| Happy | | Reform |
| Elated | | Sorry |
| Overjoyed | | Remorse |
| Merry | | Weep |
| Delight | | Sorrow |

“he emptied himself...he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death...” *Philippians 2:7-8*

Jesus upon the Cross died so that we might live...but do we choose to live, or do we choose to die by the emptiness of our sins? How do we choose to live each day? Do we choose our words and deeds for the glory of God, that echoes in the glory of the Cross?

Take hold of your life, and live it to the fullness of God's glory. Don't let the emptiness of the world and all that it offers drag you down to merely just another person among the billions; rather live in exaltation of the glory of the Cross for the billions to experience. Christ through our Baptism has asked us to share in His glory and in the glory of the Cross. The decision is ours whether we choose to live in the glory or live in the emptiness...

*Jesus,
help me to live in the light of Your Cross.
I choose here and now for my life to be a
life lived for the glory of Your Cross.
Teach me to live with the selfless love that
is Your Spirit.
May I become truly humble in repentance
of my sins. And may the remorse of my
sins be an example to all of the strength
and power of Your Cross.*

Amen