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Andrew Murray:

What is law for the head, is law for the members; the disciple must be as his master. So Paul understood it when he cried: “God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our lord Jesus Christ by which I am crucified unto the world, and the world to me.”

There we have for all time the response of the true disciple to the Master’s call not to be of the world. The cross proves how the world cannot understand the disciple, how the disciple dare not blot out the difference between the spirit of the master and the spirit of the world; dare not please the world or seek to be reconciled to it; dare not look upon the world, and its spirit, in any other light than this: “I am crucified to the world, and the world to me.”

As it was the separation of Christ from the world by the cross that gave him the power over the world, and gave Paul his, it is this alone that will give the church of our days its power. Just as far as we enter into the world, and please it, we lose our power. “Not of the world even as Christ was not of the world,” we shall be able to bless it.

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