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(Horatius Bonar, "The Surety's Cross")

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing; but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Corinthians 1:18

The whole world looked with contempt--indignant at the audacity of a few humble Christians, thus . . .
affronting and defying the "public opinion" of nations and ages;
assailing the religions of earth with the cross as their only sword;
striking down their idols with this as their only hammer; and
with this, as their one lever, proposing to turn the world upside down!

From that day the cross became "a power" in the earth; a power which went forth, like the light--noiselessly yet irresistibly--smiting down all religions alike, all shrines alike, all altars alike--sparing no superstition nor philosophy.

This power remains--in its mystery, its silence, its influence, it remains. The cross has not become obsolete! The preaching of the cross has not ceased to be powerful and effectual!

There are those who would persuade us that, in this modern age--the cross is out of date and out of fashion, time-worn. But this does not shake us. It only leads us to clasp the cross more fervently, and to study it more profoundly, as embodying in itself that gospel which is at once the wisdom and the power of God.

Yet the cross is not without its mysteries:

It illuminates--yet it darkens.

It is life--yet it is death.

It is honor--yet it is shame.

It is wisdom--but also foolishness.

The cross is . . .
both pardon, and condemnation;
both strength, and weakness;
both joy, and sorrow;
both love, and hatred;
both medicine, and poison;
both hope, and despair.

The cross is Christ's humiliation--yet it is His exaltation!

The cross is Satan's victory--yet it is Satan's defeat!

The cross is the gate of Heaven--and the gate of Hell!

The cross is the key . . .
to God's character,
to God's Word,
to God's ways,
to God's purposes.

The cross is the summary of all the Bible--the epitome of Scripture Revelation!