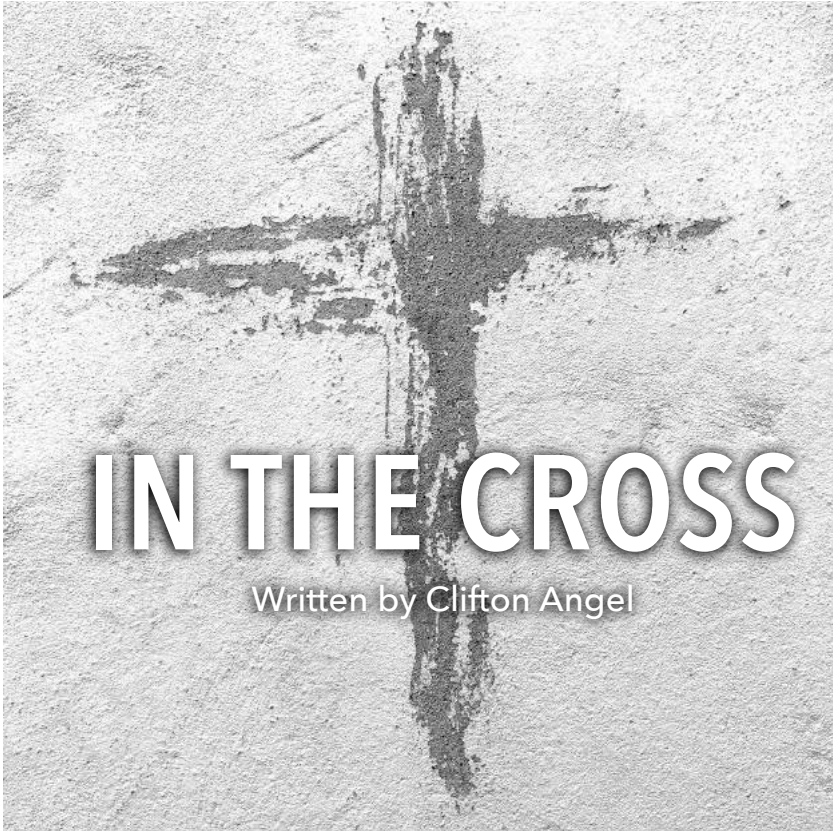


The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Nov 14, 2021



IN THE CROSS

Written by Clifton Angel

He was arrested as an imposter. He was accused of treason. He was put on death row without parole. He was executed without delay. He must have been the world's worst murderer, a rapist, or a sick-minded individual who was deserving of death! But He was none of those. He was ...

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

VISITORS, WELCOME!

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes
for all ages & fellowship
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Clifton Angel

... innocent. He was sinless. He truly was perfect. He is: Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

"In the cross, In the cross, Be my glory ever, Till my raptured soul shall find Rest beyond the river." I do not know the full intentions behind Fanny J. Crosby's penning of these words, but I believe in authoring this song, she wanted us to look at the cross, and think of the comfort that it provides, look at this hanging, and think of the hope it gives, and look at Jesus, and boast in the justification He offers. All of these are truthful and needful, but let's consider these three in a different light that may be more needful.

The cross does not just provide comfort; it also demands costs. There is something, or a lot of "somethings" we have to give up, even to the point of giving up "self." Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). Furthermore, this hanging does not just give hope; it also creates hindrances. So often Christians today are amazed and surprised when they suffer persecution. John wrote, "Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you" (1 John 3:13). Why would John pen such an appalling

concept? He did so because it was a direct expression of the words told to him and the other disciples by Jesus: "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you" (John 15:18). Another disciple that was present to hear those words, Peter, wrote, "If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf (1 Peter 4:16). Finally, Jesus does offer justification, but He also requires adjustments. We need not adjust to the world, but we need to be adjusting to Heaven. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3:1-2).

No, it's not easy following a King Who in the world's eyes was a convicted criminal, a Man accused of treason, and One who was executed as an imposter. But we know who He is. We know He is the only King without a crime. We know He is Our Savior Who did not sin. We know He is Our God Who gave Himself for us. Do you know that? Will your glory come from the cross? Have you given your life to Jesus by penitent faith through obedience? Put Christ on in baptism today! "In the cross, In the cross, Be my glory ever."

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Mary Zluticky, doing well after being treated for eye ulcer; **Brad & Teresa Gregory**, Teresa has broken ribs from a fall, Brad dealing with clots in leg; **Wiley Tuggle**, recovering from leg surgery; **Ginger Bayless**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**; **Hannah Davis**, training at Fort Benning; **Noah Davis**, stationed in El Paso, TX; **Grace & Sammy Williams**; **Mitchell & Mary Alice Arnold**.

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Family & Friends

Randy Alderson family, Dana's cousin passed Thursday; **Dean Bland**, Billy's brother, at home recovering from recent ICU and broken ribs from CPR; **Waid Wilkes family**; **Nelda Boyce family**; **Michael Patterson family**; **Josh Cox family**; **Paul & Shirley Perkins**; **Kay Allison**.

Birthdays

11/5 Rachel Wilkes
11/13 Danni Strickland
11/25 Ginna Honeycutt
11/25 Wiley Tuggle

Get Involved!

Youth Activities Meeting: Nov 14, 12:30 PM

Providence Place Devo: Nov 14, 2 PM

Youth Devo @ Wilkes II: Nov 19, 6 PM

Sign up to give headcount for pizza
Bring blankets & chairs (outdoor movie)
Bring drinks, desserts, & movie snacks

Coldwater Singing Night: Nov 24, 7 PM

Song leaders, get your selections to Clifton

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, November 14

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Billy Bland
Announcements	Jerry Davis
Song Leader	Tim Wilkes II
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Andy Ratliff
	John Wofford
Assist	Kevin Dixon
	Marc Strickland
Closing Prayer	Tim Meredith

Afternoon

Song Leader	Tim Wilkes II
Opening Prayer	Walter Warren
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Andy Ratliff
Closing Prayer	Jim Jackson

Wednesday, November 17

Song Leader	Tim Wilkes II
Prayer	Jerry Davis
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jason Bayless

TECH: Jarrett Davis
HALL: