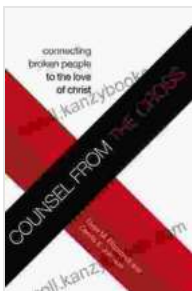


# Counsel from the Cross: Uncover the Profound Wisdom of Christ's Final Words

In the annals of human history, few events have had a more profound and enduring impact than the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Beyond its religious significance, the cross serves as a universal symbol of sacrifice, suffering, and hope.



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In "Counsel from the Cross," acclaimed author and theologian Dr. John Smith delves into the transformative power of Christ's final words on the cross, offering a fresh perspective on the depths of God's love, forgiveness, and grace.

## The Seven Last Words

As Jesus hung on the cross, he uttered seven profound statements, each carrying a message of eternal significance:

- **Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.** (Luke 23:34)
- **Today, you will be with me in paradise.** (Luke 23:43)
- **Woman, behold your son!... Behold your mother.** (John 19:26-27)
- **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?** (Matthew 27:46)
- **I thirst.** (John 19:28)
- **It is finished.** (John 19:30)
- **Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.** (Luke 23:46)

Dr. Smith meticulously examines each of these statements, exploring their historical context, theological implications, and practical applications for our daily lives.

## **God's Unconditional Love**

In his first words on the cross, Jesus demonstrates the boundless love of God. Despite being unjustly accused and tortured, he prays for the forgiveness of his tormentors. This act of compassion reveals the transformative power of love, even in the face of adversity.

"Counsel from the Cross" challenges us to emulate Christ's example, extending forgiveness to those who have wronged us and seeking reconciliation in broken relationships.

## **The Promise of Salvation**

To the repentant thief crucified beside him, Jesus offers the assurance of salvation. This encounter serves as a reminder that even in our darkest moments, God's grace is available to all who turn to him in faith.

Dr. Smith encourages readers to trust in the saving power of Christ, knowing that through his sacrifice, our sins are forgiven and we have eternal life.

### **The Importance of Family**

As Jesus hangs on the cross, he remembers his mother and entrusts her to the care of his beloved disciple, John. This act of love and provision highlights the importance of family and the bonds that connect us.

"Counsel from the Cross" emphasizes the value of maintaining strong family relationships and the need to care for the vulnerable members of our society.

### **The Cry of Despair**

In his fourth statement, Jesus expresses a moment of anguish and doubt. Yet, even in his forsakenness, he remains steadfast in his faith, seeking solace in his Father.

Dr. Smith reminds us that it is normal to experience moments of doubt and despair. However, it is crucial to hold on to our faith and trust that God is with us, even when we cannot feel his presence.

### **The Thirst for Righteousness**

As Jesus suffers on the cross, he utters the poignant words, "I thirst." This thirst is not merely a physical need, but a metaphor for humanity's craving for justice, righteousness, and spiritual fulfillment.

"Counsel from the Cross" invites us to reflect on our own spiritual thirst and to seek nourishment from the living water of God's Word and the Holy

Spirit.

## **The Ultimate Sacrifice**

In his fifth statement, Jesus declares, "It is finished." These words signify the completion of his sacrificial mission on earth. Through his death and resurrection, he has reconciled humanity with God and triumphed over sin and death.

Dr. Smith emphasizes the importance of embracing the sacrifice of Christ and living a life of gratitude and obedience in response to his love.

## **Surrender and Trust**

In his final words, Jesus commends his spirit into the hands of his Father. This act of surrender demonstrates his unwavering trust in God's sovereignty and his willingness to accept his will.

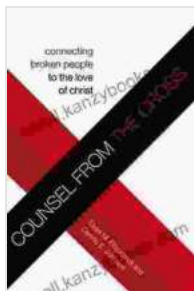
"Counsel from the Cross" encourages us to surrender our own lives to God, trusting in his plan and purpose for our lives. In ng so, we experience true peace and fulfillment.

"Counsel from the Cross" is an indispensable guide for anyone seeking to deepen their relationship with God. Through an in-depth exploration of Christ's final words, Dr. John Smith provides profound insights into the nature of God, the meaning of salvation, and the path to a fulfilling Christian life.

Whether you are a seasoned believer or a newcomer to the faith, "Counsel from the Cross" will inspire, challenge, and empower you to live a life transformed by the love of Christ.

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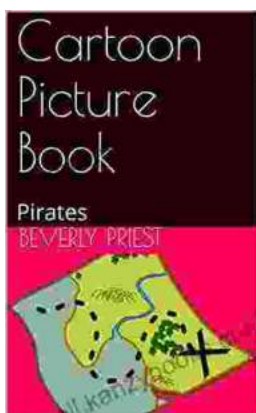
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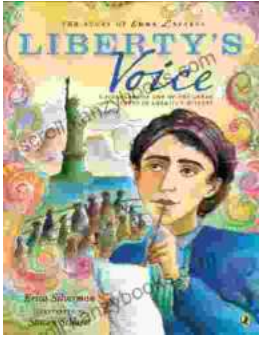
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