



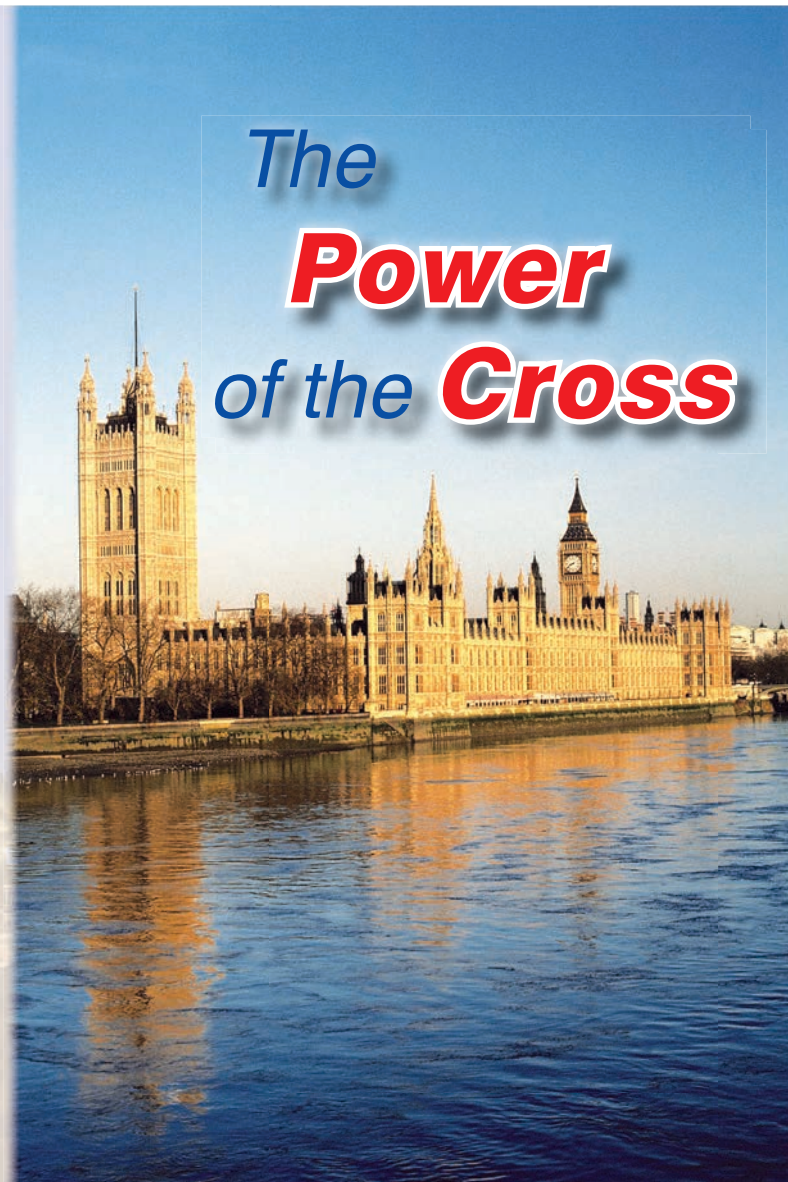
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The Power of the Cross

Where do you place the cross?

For hundreds of years the people of Britain have enjoyed a system of parliamentary government which has proved the envy of the world.

Democratic elections offer the opportunity for us to determine the political party which will govern the country.



A simple cross on a ballot paper can mean so much... and yet, there's another Cross widely ignored today, which can mean even more...

Firm Foundation

The Houses of Parliament, representing the seat of central government, are a visual reminder that we all need a firm foundation of order, peace and stability central to our lives.



Down through the years men and women have discovered this in special measure by entering into a personal relationship with Almighty God...

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock in whom I take refuge...

Psalms 18:2

Of course, many of us still believe that access to and acceptance by God can be secured through our own efforts to lead a decent life. But according to His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, there is only one way...

I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

But what does this really mean?

Fatal Failure

Members of Parliament, with their high profile positions, are obvious media targets at times of moral failure.



Yet it's all too easy for us to point a finger at others whilst excusing our own 'weaknesses'.

However, perhaps we need to be a bit more honest with ourselves...

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:8

And one day we'll be called to give

account of our lives... with the consequences as serious as they come...

...people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment...

Hebrews 9:27

But whether it's a question of a career in tatters, or simply a false sense of everlasting security, there is a 'way of escape'...

Sacrificial Substitute

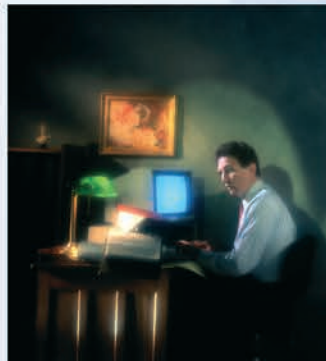
British electoral arrangements allow us to vote by proxy. When we can't cast our vote personally, someone can do this on our behalf.

But whilst a cross on a ballot paper can do nothing for our eternal destiny, the Cross of Calvary is of vital significance. There, the Lord Jesus Christ became our substitute, giving His life as a sacrifice for all our wrong-doing...

...God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

Just about the worst thing which a politician can be accused of is a 'U turn'. But that's exactly what we're called to do if we are to be put 'right with God'... to seek His forgiveness, turn away from all we know to be wrong and ask the risen Christ Jesus into our lives to become our Saviour and Lord...



...to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:12

In this way we're given a brand new start... with the motivation and power to live a new lifestyle...

...if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation; the old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Costly Commitment

The day to day functioning of Government departments would grind to a halt were it not for the work of the Civil Service. It's their duty to serve, with diligence and dedication, whichever party is in power. However, to all who would be His true followers, Christ Jesus expects an even greater level of commitment...

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

Luke 9:23-24



But self-effort, no matter how sincere, is not the way to a right relationship with God...

Deliberate Decision

Polling Day can be rightly described as a 'day of decision'. The day when the electorate, having considered the manifestos and weighed the arguments, make a firm decision where to place that cross. Of course the greatest decision facing us all is what to do about the other Cross... the outcome of which will decide our everlasting future...

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



Just as in a General Election, failure to vote is the same as voting 'No', it's the same with the Lord Jesus Christ. No decision is a 'No' decision and millions have gone to the grave believing they had plenty of time...

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:18

Only by making a positive decision today, will you be able to say...

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