



# A Symbol of Hope

**Good Friday 2020**

# Life As We Know It Has Changed

*We fell asleep in one world, and woke up in another.*

*Suddenly Disney is out of magic, Paris is no longer romantic, New York doesn't stand up anymore, the Chinese wall is no longer a fortress, and Mecca is empty.*

*Hugs and kisses suddenly become weapons, and not visiting parents and friends becomes an act of love.*

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*Suddenly you realise that power, beauty and money are worthless, and can't get you the oxygen you're fighting for.*

*The world continues its life and it is beautiful. It only puts humans in cages. I think it's sending us a message:*

*"You are not necessary. The air, earth, water and sky without you are fine. When you come back, remember that you are my guests. Not my masters."*

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Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope.

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**At the Cross**



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**We see God  
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For the essence of sin is man substituting himself for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting himself for man. Man asserts himself against God and puts himself where only God deserves to be; God sacrifices himself for man and puts himself where only man deserve to be. Man claims prerogatives that belong to God alone; God accepts penalties that belong to man alone.

**Kevin DeYoung**

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Father God,

I recognise that you have died on the cross for me. That you are God.  
I also acknowledge that I am a sinner before You. That I have done wrong.  
That I have put myself on the throne instead of You.

And I believe, Jesus, You say who you are – that You are the Son of God, that  
You came to die for our sins and to reconcile us back to God.

And I ask you right now, to come into my life, to be my Lord and Savior. To  
rescue me from sin and death, and to give me new life.

I ask you to come in right now, in Jesus name. Amen.