For Us Christ Endured the Cross

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Philippians 2:8.

For the joy that was set before Him, Christ endured the cross, despising the shame, and is forever set down at the right hand of God. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for the world, and through this sacrifice comes the greatest blessing that God could bestow,—the gift of the Holy Spirit. This blessing is for all who will receive Christ.

The fallen world is the battle-field for the greatest conflict the heavenly universe and earthly powers have ever witnessed. It was appointed as
the theater on which would be fought out the grand struggle between
good and evil, between heaven and hell. Every human being acts a
part in this conflict. No one can stand on neutral ground. Men must
either accept or reject the world’s Redeemer. All are witnesses, either
for or against Christ. Christ calls upon those who stand under His
banner to engage in the conflict with Him as faithful soldiers, that they
may inherit the crown of life. They have been adopted as sons and
daughters of God. Christ has left them His assured promise that great
will be the reward in the kingdom of heaven of those who partake of
His humiliation and suffering for the truth’s sake.

The cross of Calvary challenges, and will finally vanquish, every
earthly and hellish power. In the cross all influence centers, and from it
all influence goes forth. It is the great center of attraction, for on it
Christ gave up His life for the human race. This sacrifice was offered
for the purpose of restoring man to his original perfection; yea, more. It
was offered to give him an entire transformation of character, making
him more than a conqueror. Those who in the strength of Christ
overcome the great enemy of God and man, will occupy a position in
the heavenly courts above angels who have never fallen.

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