



The Cross and Crown

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“When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them?” (Psalm 8:3,4)

This morning, I watched a video on-line about a tiny, dark section of space, invisible to the naked eye, which was photographed over a period of days by the Hubble Space Telescope and revealed to contain more than ten thousand galaxies and over one hundred billion stars as big as the Sun!



What an immense universe God created! The psalmist who wrote that God “determines the number of stars and calls them each by name” had no conception of how truly stunning that fact is! And when we think that our planet is just one small speck in one small galaxy among countless galaxies in the universe – and that we are only one of

several billion of its inhabitants – it seems reasonable to wonder why God would be mindful of us. But, make no mistake about it: God is mindful of us and, even more than that, he loves us! Resurrection Day is the only proof we need!

It was not God’s righteousness or justice or mercy that made him become a man and sacrifice himself to take away our sins. John 3:16 tells us that love compelled him!

If you ever feel discouraged, alone or forgotten, look to the Cross! More than that, look to the empty tomb! God laid down his life to atone for our sins, and he rose again to give us the promise of a resurrected, eternal life with him!

His power is great and will ever endure,
His wisdom is peaceable, gentle, and pure.
But greater than all these glories I see,
Is the glorious promise that He cares for me.

Jimmy Owens, “He Cares for Me”

Thanks for Praying!

God cares for us! He listens and answers when we call out to him. We are so grateful for all that he's doing among us, in response to your prayers!





Please join us in praying

- for the moms and young children who have recently begun fellowshipping with us,
- for hearts to be stirred during this month's missions convention,
- for the students, families and staff at Spring Garden Academy, and
- for the Lord of the harvest to laborers and leaders to this field.

We're praying with you!

If you're on our mailing list*, you're on our prayer list! If there's anything specific that we can join you in praying about, please let us know.

We love hearing from you! Do keep in touch!

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If you'd rather receive this letter via e-mail, please let us know!

Did you know?



Rev. W. Howard Roberson, our pastor from 1960–1981, accepted Christ on Easter Sunday. The lilies on Highway's altar during the Easter season are placed in his memory.

**“God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)**



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