## The Conquest of the Cross

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## "But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us." (Romans 8:37)

Outside of Scripture, nothing stirs the heart for revival more than a study of the mighty movements of God in church history. One of those astonishing events was the 1904-05 revival in Wales. The Holy Spirit raised up a young man of God, Evan Roberts, to pray, preach, and call the church to renewed commitment to Christ. Shunning the spotlight, Roberts pointed others to Jesus Christ.

Those who heard Roberts pray noted how blood earnest he became as he wrestled with God for the Holy Spirit to come down and bend the church to His will. He often prayed before the start of a church meeting, waiting for the Spirit to move before he would preach. One of those prayers was taken down.

I keep a copy of Evan Roberts' prayer in my preaching Bible, often pulling it out to read before I preach. I am rebuked and renewed every time I read it. I sought to convey the essence of Roberts' prayer in song. I include the text of his prayer below.

"Lord Jesus, help us now through the Holy Spirit to come face to face with the Cross. Whatever the hindrance may be, we commit the service to Thee. Put us all under the Blood, Oh, Lord, place the Blood on all our past up to this moment. We thank Thee for the Blood.

In the name of Jesus Christ bind the devil this moment. We point to the Cross of Christ. It is our Cross and we take its conquest. Reveal the Cross through the Name of Jesus, Oh, open the Heavens. Descend upon us now. Tear open our hearts...tear...give us such a sight of Calvary that our hearts may be broken. Oh Lord, descend now...now...open our hearts to receive the heart that bled for us. If we are to be fools - make us fools for Thee. Take us, spirit, soul and body. WE ARE THINE. Thou hast purchased us.

Reveal the Cross for the sake of Jesus - the Cross that is to conquer the world. Place us under the Blood. Forbid that we should think of what men may say of us. Oh speak - speak - speak, Lord Jesus. Thy Words are 'wine indeed': Oh reveal the Cross, beloved Jesus - the Cross in its glory.

Reign in every heart for the sake of Jesus. Lord, do Thou help us to see the dying Saviour. Enable us to see Him conquering the hosts of darkness. Claim victory for Thy Son, now Lord. He is worthy to have the victory. THOU ART THE ALL-POWERFUL GOD. OH, CLAIM VICTORY. We shall give all the glory to Thy Name. No one else has the right to the glory but Thee. Take it, Lord. Glorify Thy Son in this meeting. OH, HOLY SPIRIT - DO THY WORK THROUGH US AND IN US NOW! Speak Thy Word in power for Thy Name's sake. Amen - and Amen!" (Evan Roberts)