

Kneel At The Cross **Romans 8:31-39**

A song that encourages us to come to the cross of Jesus who is the one who makes intercession for us is "Kneel At The Cross" (#562 Songs of the Church 21st Century Edition). The text was written and the tune was composed both by Charles E. Moody (1891-1977). Copyrighted by Moody and Sebren in 1924. Copyrighted again in 1938 and renewed in 1966 by Stamps-Baxter Music Co.

Since its use in the 1956 "Sacred Selections," it has been found in most books published by members of the Lord's church for use in churches of Christ, up to and including "Hymns for Worship" and the newest, "Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs."

Some have an issue with this song, saying it promotes the cross as an idol

The song itself refutes this idea, as we will see

Central idea of this song is clear from its chorus

"Kneel at the cross, Leave every care; Kneel at the cross, Jesus will meet you there."

Hebrews 7:25

Submission to Christ through belief in His sacrifice

Symbolized as "kneeling at the cross" and considered three avenues

Leave Your Cares With Christ *(Come while He waits for you, original)*

"Kneel at the cross, Christ will meet you there, He intercedes for you;

Lift up your voice, Leave with Him your care, And begin life anew."

Matthew 11:28-30

Cross perfect figure represents previous care expressed in sacrificial death - **Philippians 2:8**

Humbling self before image of Christ allows us to cast our cares to Him - **1Peter 5:6-7**

Humble acceptance of His rule allows us to live a new life - **Romans 6:3-4**

Anchor Your Soul In Christ

"Kneel at the cross, There is room for all Who would His glory share;

Bliss there awaits, Harm can ne'er befall Those who are anchored there."

Cross represents sacrifice made for all mankind, not just a special lineage - **John 3:16; John 11:25-26**

Submission to this Gospel will keep us from harm - **John 10:27-30; Romans 8:37-39**

Limited to those who anchor in Christ's sacrifice, place all trust in Him - **Hebrews 6:19-20; Revelation 12:11**

Leave All Else Behind

"Kneel at the cross, Give your idols up, Look unto realms above;

Turn not again To life's sparkling cup; Trust always in His love."

Remove everything that might draw attention from Christ - **Colossians 3:5-8**

Replace them with that which would keep us close to Him - **James 4:7-8; Colossians 3:1-3; Colossians 3:12-14**

Filled with Christ, we will not be so easily distracted by the world - **Ephesians 5:18-21; Proverbs 3:5;**

Hebrews 10:39; Hebrews 12:1-2

The Message Of The Cross Is For All

"Kneel at the cross, Leave every care; Kneel at the cross, Jesus will meet you there."

This message of intercession, stability and hope brings comfort

Requires obedient action

Receiving the blessings requires total submission to Christ

Will you "Kneel At The Cross?"

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