

# The Hope of the Cross

- The pattern of cruciformity
  - Although...not...but...in order that...
  - Although existing in the form of God, He did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself in order that other might be saved
  - Although...not...but...in order that...therefore...
  - The ‘therefore’ suggests the hope that belongs to those who live according to the pattern of the cross.

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- **God has a long history of bringing triumph out of apparent defeat.**
  - **The song of Hannah**
  - **Rescue the persecuted**
  - **Deliver the captives**
  - **Raise the dead**
- **The groundwork for hope through the cross is laid. God is able to reverse what at first appears to be defeat.**

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- **The basis of our hope is the resurrection of Christ**
  - **Jesus suffered, died, was buried, and raised**
  - **Those who have died with Him [‘united with Him in the likeness of His death’] will be glorified with Him**

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- **For what are we hoping**
  - **That this mortal will put on immortality**
  - **The transformation of our bodies**
  - **Glory**
- **We live in a period of hope, between the decisive battle and the final victory. How should we live?**