

The September CFAMC Devotional Page

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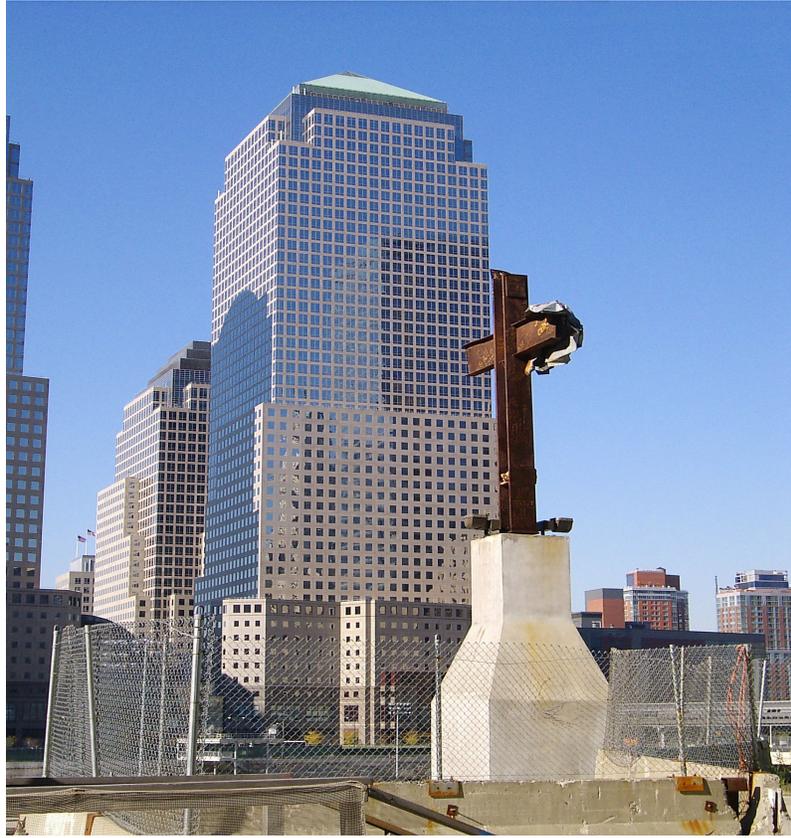
This is a picture of a tragedy, a tragedy ten years has not done enough to ease the pain some of us feel over it:



But as I have observed the discussions and documentaries that have surrounded the ten year anniversary of what happened on September 11, 2001, I have observed an even greater tragedy. It has been morbidly interesting to me to watch people of all walks of life and all faiths come together, on screen and off, to try to make sense of 9/11...while either forgetting or ignoring God as revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.

John 1:14 -- And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Grace, and truth. Power, and love. Justice, and mercy. All of these attributes are needed to bring hope in light of things like 9/11 ... and these often mutually exclusive things are only found perfectly united in God, in His fullness... Who became man, so that He could be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and meet our weakness with His strength through His cross work. Anyone Who can save sinners and turn them into saints will have no trouble whatsoever bringing His redemptive, resurrection purposes out of Ground Zero – and all of life’s other tragedies.



Of course, there are still people who just won't have anything to do with Jesus – and what struck me is how hard a world that rejects Him tries to bring a kind of silver lining to something like 9/11. And, some of the conversations did reveal a certain beautiful quality—the resilience of human beings is something to behold. But a resilience tied to rebellion is simply doomed; that grandeur can only rise so high, like the grandeur and dignity with which the world tries to cover its dead. The Lord Jesus was onto something when He said, “Let the dead bury their dead”; that is the best a world that rejects Him can do.

Walton: "The Death of Falstaff"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0PedB0DWay0>

And yet, this is our song:

Handel: "I Know that my Redeemer Liveth:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eEnws5brUcI>

Let's not forget that we are the only ones God has—by His choice—to share His music in the face of this world's madness and grief. His song in this weary world is more needed than ever...let us, filled with His Spirit, be faithful in sharing His music of hope and redemption!