

God wants each one of us to have the joy and show it out and not be a hindrance like the impression that was made by those professors to that particular student. "For the joy that was set before Him, Jesus Christ endured the cross, and he wants us to joy in the fellowship of his suffering.

He goes on: being made conformable to his death. He wants our human pride, our human ambition, our human desires to be crucified with Christ and be made conformable to His death. It is easy to talk about, but hard to realize. But God wants us to do it. So as you start your work this year, I hope you are determined to master these lessons. I hope you are determined to get the value there is for you in the classes. I hope you are determined to push forward and accomplish the purpose for which you came. But ~~x~~ above all I hope that you will keep central in your mind, in your attitude, in your purpose--to learn to know Him and to know the power of His resurrection, but also to know the fellowship of his sufferings.

May God enable us each one to keep our eyes on Christ and to get know him and to learn about him in the Scripture, and to learn to know him in the Scripture. And to become such that he can use us as empty vessels fit for the Master's use.

Now~~x~~ let us rise and sing hymn #31, and I ~~w~~hall ask Dean Dunzweiler to lead us.