

The Cross Changes Everything

1 Corinthians 1:18-19, 23-25 (TLB)

¹⁸ I know very well how foolish it sounds to those who are lost, when they hear that Jesus died to save them. But we who are saved recognize this message as the very power of God. ¹⁹ For God says, “I will destroy all human plans of salvation no matter how wise they seem to be, and ignore the best ideas of men, even the most brilliant of them.”

²³ So when we preach about Christ dying to save them, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it’s all nonsense. ²⁴ But God has opened the eyes of those called to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, **to see that Christ is the mighty power of God to save them**; Christ himself is the center of God’s wise plan for their salvation. ²⁵ This so-called “foolish” plan of God is far wiser than the wisest plan of the wisest man, and God in his weakness—**Christ dying on the cross**—is far stronger than any man.

1 Corinthians 2:2 - “I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.”

1 Corinthians 1:25 - This so-called “foolish” plan of God is far wiser than the wisest plan of the wisest man, and God in his weakness—**Christ dying on the cross**—is far stronger than any man.

Though many try to deny its power, the power of the cross changes everything.

Many people will accept Christ’s character, but they reject His crucifixion.

For believers, the cross is the power of God and the wisdom of God and it changes everything.

1. The Cross Is the Clearest Evidence of Man’s Guilt.

Romans 3:23 - “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

2. The Cross is the Strongest Proof of God’s Hatred of Sin.

There can be no forgiveness of sin unless our debt has been paid.

2 Corinthians 5:21 “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us”

If God had to send His only Son to the cross in order to pay for sin, then sin must be dark indeed in the sight of God.

3. The Cross is a Glorious Exhibition of God's Love.

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Romans 5:6-8 "For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

4. The Cross is the Way to Victory.

The cross is the instrument by which God delivers us from the penalty of our sins and from the hand of Satan.

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