

THE CROSS: Where Life Begins!

Lesson Four • 1Corinthians 1:18-25

What The Cross Means to The World

The Cross Is the Supreme Dividing Line of Humanity:

Those who are "PERISHING"  Those who are "BEING SAVED"

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1Corinthians 1:18

What Does the Cross Mean to the World?

I. The World Is OFFENDED By The Cross!

Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 1Corinthians 1:22-23

- The Cross is WEAKNESS to some people.
- The Cross is FOOLISHNESS to other people.

2. The World Is JUDGED By The Cross!

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3. The World Is SAVED By The Cross!

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Because of the Cross...

- My sins can be FORGIVEN.

He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; He took it away, nailing it to the cross. Colossians 2:13-14

- My life can be TRANSFORMED.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2Corinthians 5:17

- My destiny can be ETERNAL LIFE.

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. John 3:16

How is one saved by the Cross?

You must TRUST in the person and work of Jesus Christ on the Cross!

For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know Him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. 1Corinthians 1:21

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

The Most Important Question:

What does the Cross of Jesus Christ mean to YOU?