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The Message of the Cross

Lesson Four • 1Corinthians 1:18-25

The Power of the Cross

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

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1. The World Is OFFENDED by the Cross!

For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness.
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 hope 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?

If you're ready to respond, sincerely pray: “Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I'm a sinner and I need Your forgiveness. I believe that You are the Savior who died to pay the penalty for my sin and then rose again. I want to turn from my sins and follow You instead. Please forgive me of my sins and save me. I receive You by faith as my Savior and Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen.”