

The Message of the Cross

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Reader: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God pronounces the _____ of the cross (1:18-20).

- Foolish = *moria* = where we get the word “moron.”
 - The idea of something that is ridiculous, ignorant, stupid, and contemptible.
- The cross offends our _____.
- All human _____ that fail to take God into account will _____.
- God designed a plan that in no way _____ His holiness or leaves His righteousness _____.

God _____ the foolishness of the cross (1:21-25).

- Why is the cross so important?
 - Galatians 3:13
 - All of us _____ for the curse.

3 Different Responses to the Cross:

1. You can _____ over the cross (vv22-23)
 - They required God to _____ to their plans before they would _____ submitting to His.
2. You can _____ at the cross (v24)
 - They want God to fit into their _____ before fitting His _____ in their lives.
3. You can _____ and _____ the power and wisdom of the cross (v24)

How do we relate the message of the cross to our lives?

1. We must seek to _____ the wonder of the cross.
2. As we strive to _____ into our world, we must be sure to crossover _____ the cross.
3. It will take a _____ church to bring a crucified Christ before the _____ of the world.

The cross is our message, our hope, our confidence.