

**NEXT WEEK IS RESURRECTION SUNDAY!**

**MESSAGE: The Glorious Message of the Cross**

**TEXT: 1 Corinthians 1:18; 2:2**

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The message of the cross is the central theme upon which all other texts in God's Word hinge.

From Genesis to Revelation we see the message and the need of the cross.

1-When man first *sinned*  
(Genesis 3:21)

2-We also see the cross through the *Passover*  
(Exodus 12:12-13)

3-The message of the cross is proclaimed through the *Law*  
(Leviticus 17:11)

4-We hear the message of the cross through the *prophets*  
(Isaiah 53:6)

5-The *Psalmist* reveals the message of the cross  
(Psalm 22:1a)

6-The *gospels* obviously reveal the message of the cross  
(Luke 19:10)

7-The *epistles* of Paul explain the message of the cross  
(Romans 5:8-9)

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8-The Apostle *Peter* declares the message of the cross  
(1 Peter 1:18-19)

9-The *revelation* of John heralds the message of the cross  
(Revelation 1:5-6)

(Galatians 6:14a; John 12:32;  
Colossians 1:13-14)

Not everyone, however, wants to hear or is desirous to proclaim the message of the cross.

In Paul's day . . .

- 1) The *Jewish* religious crowd couldn't accept it  
(1 Corinthians 1:23a)
- 2) The *Greek* crowd (Gentiles) wouldn't hear of it  
(1 Corinthians 1:23b)

In our day there are many who think the message of the cross is just an old myth or legend . . .

- 1) The "salvation by *works*" crowd minimizes the message of the cross
- 2) The "*sophisticated* crowd" doesn't want to hear the message of the cross

3) The "*liberal* crowd" would just like to change the message of the cross

4) The "Let's make everybody feel *good* about themselves crowd" would like to ignore the message of the cross

5) The "*unsaved* crowd" hasn't even heard the message of the cross

There are three things I know and can testify to you beyond any shadow of a doubt . . .

I. THE *CLEANSING* POWER OF THE CROSS  
(1 John 1:7b)

II. THE *CHANGING* POWER OF THE CROSS  
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

III. THE *COMFORTING* POWER OF THE CROSS  
(1 Corinthians 15:55, 57)

Won't you *give* your life to the One who *gave* His life for you?