

## “THE WORD OF THE CROSS”

I Corinthians 1:18-25

1. The Problem of the Cross
  - a. The Jews were seeking a **SIGN**
  - b. The Gentiles considered the cross **FOOLISH**
  - c. They refuse to admit to being **SINNERS**
  - d. The cross of Jesus takes away any possibility of **EARNING** your own **SALVATION**
  
2. The Proclamation of the Cross
  - a. We are to **PREACH** the cross, Christ **CRUCIFIED**
  - b. We are **SENT** wherever we go to **PREACH THE GOSPEL**-school, work, shopping
  - c. Jesus **DIED** on the cross for **SINS**
  
3. The Power of the Cross
  - a. The cross is the **POWER** of God for **SALVATION**
  - b. The **POWER** of the **CROSS** is knowing your sins are **FORGIVEN** and you stand **RIGHT** before God; **HEAVEN** is your home; **SATAN** has no **POWER** over you; you have **POWER** with God, even in the face of **DEATH** because of the cross.
  - c. “For the **WORD** of the cross is **FOOLISHNESS** to those who are **PERISHING**, but to us who are being **SAVED**, it is the **POWER** of God. (I Corinthians 1:18 NKJV)