

Boasting In The Cross Series #2

Power of the Cross of Christ

1 Corinthians 1:17-31

Sunday, March 9, 2008

Treasuring Christ... Loving People...

*The Scandal
of the
Cross of Christ*

Isaiah 53



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1 Corinthians

- Paul G_____ the Corinthian believers... *1:1-3***
- Paul T_____ God for His great work... *1:4-9***
- Paul E_____ them to get along... *1:10-16***
- Paul R_____ His passion & concern... *1:17***

The Cross of Christ is the focal point of God's P_____
God's greatest power is NOT...

Paul E_____ the Power of the Cross of Christ *1:18-30*

Contrasts: 1) God's P_____ Vs. Man's P_____
2) W_____ Vs. F_____
3) P_____ Vs. W_____

Paul's G_____: All boasting must be in J_____ *1:31*

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1 Corinthians

My Purpose:

The Cross of Christ has the POWER to...

- 1. D_____.** ***1:18***
- 2. Prove God is G____ & You're N_____.** ***1:19-25***
- 3. S_____ Man's Boasting.** ***1:26-29***
- 4. Completely Save S_____.** ***1:30***
- 5. Create 'Jesus-B_____.'** ***1:31***

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1. Cross of Christ Divides

1:18

*1:18 For the word of the CROSS is
-folly to those who are perishing, BUT
-to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

A. What is the ‘Word of the Cross’?

1) C_____ C_____ (*1:23, 2:2*)

2) Jesus’ P_____, W_____, A_____

B. Only Two Possible Responses to the CROSS...

1) F_____

2) God’s P_____

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2. Cross of Christ Proves God is God *1:19-25*

A. God Determined to Destroy Man's PRIDE.

1:19 ... is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, & the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

WHAT does God do with man's wisdom?

*1:20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?
Where is the debater of this age?
Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?*

WHY? *(1:29)*

HOW? *(1:21-25)*

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2. Cross of Christ Proves God is God

1:19-25

B. God Destroys Man's PRIDE by...

***Blockading our self-reliant quest to know God.**

1:21a For since, in the wisdom of God,

the world did not know God through (its) wisdom,

God determined that in your own wisdom, you can know A___ God, but NOT know O__ God.

You cannot merely 'reason' yourself to know God.

“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him...” Jn. 6:44

“All that the Father gives Me will come to Me & whoever comes to Me I will never cast out.” Jn. 6:37

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B. God Destroys Man's PRIDE by...

***Determining that God only saves those who believe.**

1:21b it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

God determined that man can only know Him by
B_____ in His message that is preached (folly).

WHY? For His own P_____

Show that salvation is O_____ ourselves

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2. Cross of Christ Proves God is God

1:19-25

B. God Destroys Man's PRIDE by...

*Showing our desire to 'be in control' is insanity.

1:22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,

Signs: need for P_____ : To be in control

Wisdom: need for U_____ : To be in control

1:23 but we preach Christ crucified,

a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

God's Answer: C_____ C_____

Man's Evaluation:

-Weakness (no power)...

-Foolishness (no wisdom)...

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1:19-25

B. God Destroys Man's PRIDE by...

***Showing our desire to 'be in control' is insanity.**

1:24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

God's Evaluation: Christ Crucified is

-Power: Christ crucified overcomes...

-Wisdom: Christ crucified combines...

1:25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

God's 'foolishness' is wiser... & God's 'weakness' is stronger... simply because...

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3. Cross of Christ Silences Man's Boasting 1:26-29

A. God Chooses Ordinary People to S_____.

1:26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

B. God Chooses Ordinary People to S_____ the world.

1:27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

1:28 God chose what is low & despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are

1:29 SO THAT no human being might boast in the presence of God.

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4. Cross of Christ Completely Saves Sinners 1:30

1:30 He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, & our righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

Palm Sunday: Jesus is our R_____

Easter Sunday: Jesus is our S_____

March 30: Jesus is our R_____

Jesus is God's W_____!

Through the Cross of Christ, God's POWER is seen by enabling sinners to experience L_____ in Christ.

**How? 1. Propitiation 2. Forgiveness/Redemption
3. Substitution 4. Reconciliation**

PROPITIATION: Jesus died to propitiate (exhaust)
God's wrath against your sins = Not C_____

'In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us & sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.'

1 John 4:10

If God were not *just*, there would be no *demand* for...

If God were not *loving*, there would be no *desire* for...

1. God's L_____ met the demands of His J_____.

2. God demands... But everyone loves...

Sin is dishonoring...

It is enjoying...

Sin is NO minor thing--because all sin is against...

3. God does not S_____ sins 'under the rug' but He...

4. God's L____ keeps Him from simply...

1 Jn 4:10

FORGIVENESS: Jesus died so all your sins can be forgiven by His redeeming you = Not P_____

‘In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to...His grace.’

Eph. 1:7

1. Forgiving means not requiring a P_____ for the debt
If repayment is made—NO need for forgiveness.

2. Forgiveness is by G____: ‘for-give’ what isn’t deserved
Forgiveness is not ‘getting even’—Says, ‘we’re OK.’

3. Forgiveness: F__ to ‘forgiven’ but C_____ for ‘forgiver’
Forgiveness involves justice—the debt must be paid.
Redemption:

4. Forgiveness costs you... It cost Jesus... *Acts 10:43*

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5. Cross of Christ Creates 'Jesus-Boasters' 1:31

1:29 ...no human being might boast in the presence of God.

1:31 Therefore, as it is written,

"Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.

1. God hard-wired you to boast in G_____.
2. God is not against boasting, but cares W_____ you...
We are all born as SELF-B_____ = SINNERS!
3. God says N__ O___ will boast in 'self' in His presence.
4. God's purpose in C_____ you & S_____ you is so that you would boast ONLY in H_____.

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The Cross of Christ EMPOWERS you to...

1. Only B_____ in Christ

Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Gal. 6:14

2. Not be A_____ of Christ

Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us...

2 Tim. 1:8f

3. Be C_____ by Christ

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.

2 Cor. 5:14-15

Boasting in the CROSS

Gal. 6:14

March 2 **The Scandal of the Cross of Christ**

What the CROSS was like

March 9 **The Power of the Cross of Christ**

What the CROSS accomplished

March 16 **The Purpose of the Cross of Christ**

What the CROSS accomplished

March 23 **The Glory of the Cross of Christ**

What the CROSS accomplishes

March 30 **The Hope of the Cross of Christ**

What the CROSS promises