

REVELATION FROM THE CROSS

INTRODUCTION:

A. I Corinthians 1:18

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For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

I Corinthians 2:1-5

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And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

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For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

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And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

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That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

B. The only way that man has ever known anything is by revelation.

C. Revelation is the making known of a fact to someone who does not know it.

D. If it were not for revelation, we would not know the Will of God - The Bible is our revelation today.

E. We can look at things about us today and they have a revelation for us -Creation - Creator - Romans 1:20 Today, there is a revelation (message) from Calvary's cross that deals directly with our lives. Let's notice five things that the cross reveals to us.

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For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

I. THE CROSS OF CHRIST REVEALS SIN:

A. How exceedingly bad sin is

ROMANS 3:10

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God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged. Psa 51:4

ROMANS 3:23

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For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

B. We should never take sin lightly

I John 3:4

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Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

II. THE CROSS OF CHRIST REVEALS GOD'S LOVE:

A. The story of the cross is a tender love story

Romans 5:6-8

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For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

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For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

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But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

John 3:16

Philippians 2:5-8

b. God loves His people; always HAS BECAUSE of the cross, God continues to love us o

Romans 5:9-12

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Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

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For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

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And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

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Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

III. THE CROSS OF CHRIST REVEALS THE END OF THE LEGAL SYSTEM FOR THOSE WHO COME TO THE CROSS:

A. [Colossians 2:14](#)

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Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

B. The law demanded DEATH for one transgression

[Romans 6:23](#)

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For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Everyone who lives under any law other than the law of Jesus is under a "law of works." (One transgression will destroy.)

D. We now live under the law of faith

[Romans 3:27](#)

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Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

[Galatians 3:8-14](#)

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And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the

gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. Gen 12:3 Acts 3:25

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So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

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For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. Deut 27:26 James 2:10

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But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. Hab 2:4 Rom 1:17

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And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. Lev 18:5 Rom 10:5

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Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: Deut 21:23

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That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

IV. THE CROSS OF CHRIST REVEALS SEPARATION FROM SIN:

A. Isaiah 59:1, 2

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Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

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But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

B. Galatians 6:14

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But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

b. Christ died for us, we must live for Him

Galatians 2:20

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I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

c. Christianity demands a separation from the ways of the world

I John 2:15-17

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Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

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For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

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And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

V. THE CROSS OF CHRIST REVEALS UNITY:

A. The world wants to believe in many "religions." - Over 600 in the U.S. alone.

B. John 17 - Jesus prayed for unity.

C. I Corinthians 1:10 - If division is wrong among brethren, how can it be right in the world?

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Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

CONCLUSION:

A. What does the cross reveal to you?

B. Are you willing to accept it on His terms?