



MESSAGE OF THE  
**CROSS**

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## THE CROSS DECLARES GOD'S LOVE FOR HUMANITY

**1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (NLT2)** <sup>18</sup> *The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God.* <sup>19</sup> *As the Scriptures say, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent."* <sup>20</sup> *So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish.* <sup>21</sup> **Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe.** <sup>22</sup> *It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom.* <sup>23</sup> **So when we preach that Christ was crucified,** *the Jews are offended, and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense.* <sup>24</sup> *But to those called*

*by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.*

**1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (NLT2)** <sup>1</sup> *When I first came to you, dear brothers and sisters, I didn't use lofty words and impressive wisdom to tell you God's secret plan. <sup>2</sup> For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified. <sup>3</sup> I came to you in weakness—timid and trembling. <sup>4</sup> And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. <sup>5</sup> I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God.*

1. It is beyond human understanding to comprehend Jesus dying on the cross for me.
2. The death of Jesus on the Cross of is the fixed point of reference for all humanity.

3. Every blessing of salvation is derived from the substitutionary death of cross.

**2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT2)** *For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.*

4. Nothing demonstrates God's love more powerfully than the cross.

**John 15:13(NLT2)** *There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

**Romans 5:6-10 (NIV)** <sup>6</sup> *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup> For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!*

## **1. Through the blood of Jesus shed on the Cross we are justified**

1. Justification is receiving a positive verdict in favor of those who have faith in

Christ.

2. We receive freedom from the past, strength for the present and hope for the

future.

## **2. Through the blood of Jesus shed on the Cross we are reconciled**

1. We are no longer strangers.

2. We are restored to friendship with God.

3. WE are established as members of God's family!

## **3. Through the blood of Jesus shed on the Cross we are saved**

1. Sin loses its power for all who trust in Christ.

2. Hell is defeated.

3. Heaven is promised.

4. Abundant life begins now.