

SERMON: AT THE CROSS

Corinthians 1:18

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

Introduction

The cross is the measure of God's love for us and the measure of Christ's perfect commitment and obedience to the Father's will. The Jews stumbled at the message of the cross because they sought signs. How many signs did they need Jesus to work? He worked many, many miracles. For some folks it is never enough. The Greeks rejected the message of the cross because it did not follow the logic of Socrates, Plato, or Aristotle. It was irrational to them. It just did not make sense to them. How could a divine being or a representative of God allow Himself to be crucified?

The cross is indispensable to our Christian faith. Take the bananas out of banana pudding and you will have a pudding, but not a banana pudding. Take the apples out of apple pie and you will have a pie, but not an apple pie. Take the cross out of Christianity and you will have a religion, but not true Christianity. Christ's death on the cross and His resurrection are necessary fundamentals of our faith.

There is a story of a little boy who, while in a communion service, kept hearing the choir and the congregation singing the familiar hymns, ***Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross*** and ***Kneel At The Cross***. He whispered questions to his father. "Daddy, why do all of the grown folks want to go to the cross and kneel? Why don't they want to go to the playground?" I'm sure most of us know the answer, but let's give ourselves a review and answer this little boy's question.

Exposition

1. There Is Pardon At The Cross. (Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:12.)

2. There Is Purity At The Cross.
(Hebrews 9:14.)

3. There Is Peace At The Cross.
(Colossians 1:20.)

4. There Is Power At The Cross.
(1st Corinthians 1:24.)

5. There Are Promises At The Cross.
(Romans 8:32.)

Closing Thoughts

I will close with the lyrics of one of our familiar hymns.

“Alas! And did my Savior bleed?
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a one as I?”

At the cross, At the cross where I first saw the light,
And the burdens of my heart rolled away-
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day!”

Give God Glory! Give God All The Glory!

Related Scripture

1st Corinthians 1:17-31

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