

THE FOOLISHNESS OF THE CROSS FOR SALVATION

1 Cor. 1:18

“¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God”

INTRO: The Church of today is not the church of the beginning of the year. We are being refined and if I can use the word separated. It isn't too late; the door is still open but only for a while. The time of the fulness of the gentiles or time of grace is still here; until the Holy Spirit is taken away, there still is a chance. Christ Jesus came to die for all: “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus”. Jesus mentioned that the last days would be like the times of Noah. The word was given for more than 100 years before the door was close. During those years only the animals were obedient, and a family was saved. I want to make emphasis on that word “Family”; “as for me and My household we will serve the Lord”; and “Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you and your household will be saved”.

The power of the cross has a purpose and this purpose is for all of us to be **SAVED!!!**

I. THERE IS A WORLD THAT IS PERISHING

1. Excuses

- 1) The world is different now, things are not the same
- 2) We can't keep on believing on the old things
- 3) God is not only one God
- 4) There are different ways to heaven (Ophal Winfrey)

2. It is SIN

- 1) **“For all have SIN and come short of the glory of God”**
- 2) **Ps. 14:1** ^{“1} The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good”
- 3) **Prov. 14:12** ^{“12} There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.”
- 4) **Is. 5:20** ^{“20} Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.”

II. IN MIDST OF WHAT IS HAPPING AROUND US, FOR MANY IT'S FOOLISHNESS

1. For some:

- 1) The message of the cross is not logical
- 2) The message of the cross is a myth
- 3) The message is something to laugh at

2. For others:

- 1) God cannot forgive those that have failed him
- 2) God cannot forgive my sins that are worse than others
- 3) God will never forget what I have done

III. THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS IS POWER FOR SALVATION

1. It can forgive you from any sins you have committed

- 1) **1 Jn. 1:9** ^{“9} If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

2. It can change your life from any sinful habits

- 1) **2 Cor. 5:17** ^{“17} Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

3. It can bring peace to your heart and mind

- 1) **Jn. 14:27** ^{“27} Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

4. *You will not be reminded from God of them*

- 1) Micah 7:19 ^{“19} You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.”

IV. YOU HAVE A NEW IDENTITY

1. *Son of the Devil to a Child of God*
2. *Children of darkness to children of Light*

CONCLUSION: