

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.'" 1 Corinthians 1:18-19 KJV

Believers do not talk enough about the Cross of Christ. I rarely hear it in Assembly conversations and rarely see it being shared with unbelievers. What is the cross of Christ? It is the symbol of "the Lamb that was slain," whose death was the bridge from eternal death to eternal life; from condemnation to preservation; from corruption to incorruption; from earthly to heavenly; from natural to supernatural! By it Christ slew death once and for all for every one that believeth! The cross of Christ marked the end of the Law's penalty, "the soul that sinneth, it shall die," and the beginning of the Covenant of Grace. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." On His Cross, Christ assumed all the guilt and sin of the human race. God "made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." The "preaching of the cross" offends "them that perish," for it is foolishness to them. You may quickly discern the eternally dead from the eternally living by the way they react to the "preaching of the cross." If you have a doubt about someone's salvation, use the litmus test of faith; "the preaching of the cross." True believers never tire of its account and the wicked are irritated by its message. Make sure that you submit its truth in humbleness and sincerity of purpose. I've witnessed the obnoxious zeal, of those who deem themselves superior by reason of faith, driving away a potential hearer of the Word of Truth. The cross of Christ is the only difference between the eternal status of a believer and an unbeliever. If we truly desire to "win a soul," we will make absolutely certain that we do nothing overtly to offend or put them off with our personality or demeanor and let the Spirit of Truth work through us for His good pleasure! If we are anything at all of value, it is Christ who has made us so, "for without [Him] we can do nothing!" We do not convert sinners or WIN souls. It is the convicting power of the Holy Spirit's at work in the heart of the hearers with the Word of God; "the preaching of the cross." He works in the souls of men to "reprove of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."



The Cross is foolish to the world,
The Word to them, when e'er unfurled,
If mocked, denied, its Truth disdained,
They in perdition still remain! ~CGP

"The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness." How the Gospel of Jesus Christ is received determines a man's destiny! The true saint never wearies of the old, old Story, "For those who know it best, seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest!" Have you wearied of its telling? "Leave out the cross, and you have killed the religion of Jesus. Atonement by the blood of Jesus is not an arm of Christian truth; it is the heart of it." ~Charles H. Spurgeon

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for IT is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.'" Romans 1:16-17 KJV