

## THE VICTORY OF THE CROSS: THE PROCLAMATION

- Victories are almost always announced. Whether it's a military triumph, an election win, or a courtroom verdict, once the victory is secured, the proclamation is what spreads the impact!
- The cross of Jesus Christ is not just a private experience – it's a \_\_\_\_\_ of God's power, purpose, and plan.
- The message of the cross is the megaphone of Heaven broadcasting that:
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- The objective of our lesson tonight is to help us understand and articulate the central message of the Gospel – the cross – as a \_\_\_\_\_ of God's redeeming work.

### I. DECLARES A BOLD MESSAGE

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#### A. The cross draws a clear line \_\_\_\_\_ (v.18)

- The message of the cross is perceived differently depending on one's spiritual condition:

❖ \_\_\_\_\_ – ongoing process of spiritual ruin.

❖ \_\_\_\_\_ – ongoing process of Divine rescue.

**B. The cross confronts \_\_\_\_\_ (v.19)**

- Paul quotes Isaiah 29:14 here in verse 19
- God is not impressed with \_\_\_\_\_ when it tries to replace \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Gospel begins where human \_\_\_\_\_ ends. If we could reason our way to God, Jesus wouldn't have had to die.

**C. The cross exposes the \_\_\_\_\_ (v.20)**

- Here Paul challenges three major categories of first-century intellect:
  1. **Wise** – Greek philosophers (Gentile thinkers)
  2. **Scribe** – Jewish scholars (Experts in the law)
  3. **Debaters** – Orators and rhetoricians (Masters of persuasive speech)
- The message Paul wants to convey is this – none of these groups can \_\_\_\_\_ the message of the cross.

**D. The cross reveals God's \_\_\_\_\_ (v.21)**

- It was God's wise plan that humanity \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

- Why was/is this so? So, salvation would be \_\_\_\_\_  
– not intellect, achievement, or merit.
- It's through the \_\_\_\_\_ those  
who believe \_\_\_\_\_.
- What is the foolishness of what we preach? It's the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_!
- **The Take-a-Way:**
  - ❖ Let's be sure to be faithful in declaring the message of the cross  
as it is! It's \_\_\_\_\_, it's \_\_\_\_\_, but it's  
\_\_\_\_\_!

## II. DELIVERS A SAVING POWER

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A. God's \_\_\_\_\_ where human \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (v.22-23)

### 1. Jews demanded signs.

- Wanted a Messiah who would deliver them politically
- Jesus didn't meet their nationalistic hopes as they wanted to be  
freed from Roman domination.

### 2. Greeks desire wisdom.

- They wanted a philosophical hero not a crucified one.
- Jesus didn't come to meet human expectations, but to meet our  
deepest need – \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. The cross saves through the \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**(v.24)**

**1. The cross is power.**

- Dynamis (Greek) – \_\_\_\_\_
- The \_\_\_\_\_ that raised Jesus from the dead is at \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. The cross is wisdom.**

- Sophia (Greek) – seeing life from \_\_\_\_\_  
(insight); the proper \_\_\_\_\_ (skill  
in living)
- The cross doesn't make sense to human logic – but it makes  
complete sense as it relates to God's redemptive plan.
- The Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_ – it is  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**III. DEMANDS A FAITHFUL MESSENGER**

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**A. The cross calls \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 27-29)**

- We must be \_\_\_\_\_ of the power of the cross and  
\_\_\_\_\_ with being \_\_\_\_\_ so that  
Christ may be \_\_\_\_\_.

- Conviction keeps us from \_\_\_\_\_ the message to \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. The cross calls for \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 23)**

- We must not only \_\_\_\_\_, we must \_\_\_\_\_!
- Preach – Kerysso (Greek) – \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_
- We are to preach about a \_\_\_\_\_, not just \_\_\_\_\_.