

"The Word of the Cross" (Part 1)
(1 Corinthians 1:18 - 2:16)

To the World (secular and religious), the Word of the Cross is Foolishness! (1 Cor 1:18)

= "No wisdom in this" "No power in this"

To the Saved, the Word of the Cross Is Wisdom! (1 Cor 1:24)

= "All power in this" "All wisdom is in this"

The Word of the Cross Is a Crucifying Form of Knowledge:

- Judges and crucifies un-truth
- All self-help/humanism dies at the cross

The Word of the Cross Has the Power to Transform:

- It is apocalyptic
- It is dynamic
- It is the path to godliness

The Word of the Cross Reveals the Nature of God:

- The premier statement about God Himself - Jo 1:1-18; Heb 1:3; Col 2:9
 - ...in the cross we see "the face" of God - Jo 1:18; Ro 5:8
 - ...the cross kills every God of our own making
- It reveals God to be Trinitarian...
 - ...the will of the Father - Jo 3:16; Ro 5:8-10
 - ...the choice of the Son - Phil 2:7-8
 - ...the compelling of the Spirit - Jo 16:13-14
- It proclaims God to be...
 - ...Lover; "for" us - 1 Jo 4:7-21

(Beware of any teaching/belief that makes you self-indulgent)

...Liberator - Acts 13:39

(Beware of any teaching/belief that keeps you working on you)

...Live Giver - Jo 1:4,12; 11:25-26

(Beware of any teaching/belief that inhibits the flow of His Life toward others)

The Cross Is That by Which We Test Everything We Call Christian!