

THE WORD OF THE CROSS (Part 1)
1 Corinthians 1:18 - 2:5

To Some, the Word of the Cross Is Foolishness - 1 Cor 1:18a

To Others, the Word of the Cross Is The Power of God - 1 Cor 1:18b

The Word of the Cross Reveals the Full and True Nature of God - Jo 1:1-18; Heb 1:3;
Col 1:15; 2:9-10

...in the cross we see the face of God - II Cor 4:6

...in the cross we see God is Trinitarian

- the will of the Father: His holy passion for oneness (Jo 3:16; Ro 5:8)
- the choice of the Son: to pour Himself out sacrificially (Phil 2:7-8)
- the compelling of the Holy Spirit: to apply the atonement to all our experience (Jo 16:13-15)

The Word of the Cross Proclaims That God Is a...

...Lover - 1 Jo 4:7-21

- His coming to the cross is a demonstration that He is for us
- To reject the word of the cross is to refuse to be loved into being
- Warning: Beware of any "word" that makes you self-indulgent - 1 Jo 4:8

...Liberator - Acts 13:39; Ga 5:1

- The cross "does" and "undoes"
- It liberates us from all forms of self redemption/atonement/justification
- Warning: Beware of any "word" that keeps you conscious of what you were - Col 3:3;
Ro 6:6-11

...Life-Giver - Jo 1:4,12; 1 Jo 5:11-12

- God brings man on offering - Himself! - Heb 9:26; 10:12
- We freely received a corresponding supply of His Life for every need - Col 2:9-10;
II Pet 1:3,4
- Warning: Beware of any "word" that puts "I/me" at the center, not Christ - Ga 2:20