

Jesus Christ and Him Crucified

TEXT: 1 Cor. 2:2

INTRODUCTION:

- A. THE WHOLE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL SUMMED UP IN THESE WORDS.
 - 1. Crucifixion is the crowning even in the life of Jesus.
 - 2. By it souls are saved and angels rejoice.
- C. BEFORE WE CAN BE SAVED, WE MUST KNOW JESUS AS HE DIED ON THE CROSS.

I. THE PLACE OF THE CROSS IS CENTRAL.

- A. JESUS IS THE HUB IN THE WHEEL OF GOD'S TRUTH.
 - 1. All the OT points to him(**Gen. 3:15; 12:1-3; 1 Pet. 1:10-12; Rom. 3:21**).
 - 2. Without Jesus, God's revelation in the OT and NT is meaningless.
- B. WITHOUT THE CROSS, THE MISSION OF JESUS IS INCOMPLETE.
 - 1. The death of Jesus was part of God's eternal plan (**Eph. 3:11; Acts 2:22-24; 1 Pet 1:18-20**).
 - 2. Jesus claimed his work was done when he died(**John 17:4; 19:28-30**).
- C. IT IS THE CORE OF GOD'S POWER(**Rom. 1:16-17; 3:23f.**).
- D. THE CROSS SHOULD BE THE CENTER OF OUR LIVES (**Matt. 16:24; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Rom. 12:1; Gal. 2:20**).

II. THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS IS:

- A. THE MESSAGE OF GOD'S LOVE FOR US.
 - 1. In Jesus we see God(**John 1:18; John 14:6-10**).
 - 2. In Jesus we see God's love(**John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; 1 John 4:9-10**).
 - How much does God love us?**
 - (**John 15:13; Eph. 3:17-19**).
 - 3. And have a mediator and reconciler with God(**2 Cor. 5:17-19; 1 Tim. 2:5**).
- B. THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION.
 - 1. Where are we headed? What happens when we die?(**Rom. 3:23; 6:23**).
 - 2. Salvation is only through Jesus(**Acts 4:12; Col. 1:13-14**).
 - 3. It is in the "word of the cross" we are saved (**1 Cor. 1:18; 15:1-4; 1 Pet. 2:24; 3:18**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. THE CROSS IS **CENTRAL** IN **GOD'S REVELATION** OF HIS WILL.
- B. THE CROSS IS **CENTRAL** IN **HIS PLAN** OF SALVATION.]
- C. IT IS TO BE **CENTRAL** IN **OUR LIVES** AS WELL.