

Foolishness of the Cross



1 Corinthians 1:18-30

Corinth

- International hub (multicultural entertainment), party crowd, religious city.
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-2
 - Loved Wisdom (sophisticated)
- 1 Corinthians 1:17-18
- What's the message of the cross?
 - 1 Corinthians 15:3-5 “The Gospel”

The Cross

- History of the cross:
 - Romans didn't invent but perfected it!!
- Seneca: view of the cross
- Why the cross?
 - 1 Corinthians 1:19-23
- **ONLY GOD GETS THE GLORY!!**

The Cross

- The Jews:
 - Give me a sign (v.22)
 - Stumbling block (v.23)
 - That God would go to a cross???
 - The King & Kingdom this way???
 - Today they would be “church goers.”
 - A lot of “church goers” want a religion with “a touch of Jesus but not a cross.”

The Cross

- The Greeks:
 - Seek wisdom (v.22)
 - See foolishness (v.23)
 - Plato, Socrates, Aristotle.
 - Acts 17—Mars Hill
 - Christians are morons with a moronic message.
 - Today they would be non-believers.

The Cross

- How do you see the cross?
- 1 Corinthians 1:24-31
- ONLY GOD GETS THE GLORY!!!
- Foolishness?? The cross is our best and only hope!!!
- 1 Corinthians 1:18