

# CHRIST & HIM CRUCIFIED

“Remembering the Cross”

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## I Cor 2:1-8

<sup>1</sup> And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. <sup>2</sup> For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. <sup>3</sup> I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. <sup>6</sup> However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup> But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages for our glory, <sup>8</sup> which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

# DISCERNMENT

One of our greatest challenges today is the ability to discern “what is” inspired speech or writing, and what “is not.”

Andrew Bonar, “I looked for a church and I found it in the world. I looked for the world and I found it in the church.”

# GLORY IN THE FLESH

## Gal 6:12-14

As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these *would* compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. <sup>14</sup> But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

# TO BEAR WITNESS

## John 18:36, 37

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup> Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth.

He is declared a King against the backdrop of scorn and derision.

# A CHANGING OF THE TRUTH

- ◉ Jesus has not come to establish his kingdom in this world. He has come to establish a people who occupy the kingdom.
- ◉ Jesus has not come to establish the Christian as the Lord of his brother, but as his brother's servant.
- ◉ At the center of Jesus' preaching was the crucified life. The underpinning of His preaching was the power, magnificence, and glory of God Himself.
- ◉ Jesus declared unequivocally the wrath and mercy of God in order to give His message "you must be born again" meaning.

# A RENEWED MIND

## Romans 12:1,2

<sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

- ◉ Emphasizes the use of all of one's gifts to build the body.
- ◉ Stress "living sacrifice" to strain the metaphor of an ongoing sacrificial lifestyle.

# ENEMIES OF THE CROSS

## Phil 3:17-20A

Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. <sup>18</sup> For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: <sup>19</sup> whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame--who set their mind on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ

# NAILED TO THE CROSS

## Col 2:13,14

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, <sup>14</sup> having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Removing the cross from our preaching, witnessing, self assessment, evangelism, or discipleship, literally removes the very means of atonement!

# LEONARD RAVENHILL

*Why Revival Tarries, Sodom had no Bible, Revival God's Way*

“Evangelism today is the biggest enemy of revival because it is too shallow.”

“In today's preaching there is a lack of eternity and the majesty of God in current evangelism.”

# A NECESSARY SUFFERING

“The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. What kind of conversation *is* this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad? O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? Peace to you. Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me. And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> And you are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you.”

# THE CROSS

## Cross

"We must do something about the cross, and one of two things only we can do--flee it or die upon it."

*The Root of the Righteous, 63.*

## *Paul*

"For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified."