

CHRIST & HIM CRUCIFIED

“Remembering the Cross”

Part II

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I Cor 2:1,8

¹ 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., ⁸ which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

THE POWER OF GOD

I Cor 1:22-24

²² For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

I Cor 1:18

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

I Cor 2:14

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

LIFE THROUGH DEATH

II Cor 4:7-10

⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. ⁸ *We are* hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed-- ¹⁰ always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

¹¹ For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

IT'S OFFENSE

Gal 5:7-12

⁷ You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? ⁸ This persuasion does not *come* from Him who calls you. ⁹ A little leaven leavens the whole lump. ¹⁰ I have confidence in you, in the Lord, that you will have no other mind; but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is. ¹¹ And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why do I still suffer persecution? Then the offense of the cross has ceased.

A RENEWED MIND

Romans 12:1,2

¹ 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. ² 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. ¹⁸ 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: ¹⁹ whose end is destruction, whose god is *their* belly, and whose glory is in their shame--who set their mind on earthly things. ²⁰ 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, ¹⁴ 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!

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*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

I Peter 4:12, 13

¹² Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³ but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

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."