

## The wonderful, radical cross

1 Corinthians 1:18-25, p. 924

### I. THE GOSPEL THAT ETERNALLY SAVES US IS FOOLISH TO UNBELIEVERS (1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-19).

A. The cross is foolish to those who reject it but saves those who believe (1:18).

- *Perishing* – Eternal judgment in hell (John 3:16) – The *second death* (Revelation 2:11; 20:6, 14; 21:8)
- *Saved* – Spared from judgment because on the cross Jesus was punished for our sin (2 Timothy 2:3-6; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24)

B. The world's hostility to the cross will be exposed as false (1:19)

### II. GOD'S WISE PLAN OF SALVATION IS SIMPLY FAITH IN JESUS WHO DIED FOR OUR SIN (1 CORINTHIANS 1:20-25).

A. The world's smartest people are easily confounded by God's simple plan to save those who believe/trust in Christ (20-21).

- John 3:16, 3:36; Acts 10:43, 16:31, 18:8; Romans 1:16, 3:22, 5:1; Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 2:8-9; Philippians 3:9; 1 John 5:13

B. The cross is offensive to the religious and ridiculous to the non-religious but the cross is our only message (1:22-24).

C. God's wise plan doesn't need man's approval (25).