

The Power Of God

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“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.” (1 Corinthians 1:18).

To the person who rejects Christ and His death on the cross, the cross and its message seem simply foolish. But this “foolishness”, as unbelievers see

it, is precisely the power that changes lives and things. Yes, the “message of the cross” is power! The Greek word is “dunamitis” – dynamite!

Jesus on the cross is not a picture of a defeated and misguided leader. On the contrary, it is one of victory over sin and death... supernatural power in action... love. Those who thought that Jesus and His death were foolishness were later “shaking in their boots” when “*the veil of the temple was torn*

in two from the top to the bottom. And the earth did quake and the rocks were split. And the graves were opened and many bodies of the saints that slept were raised...” (Matthew 27:51, 52).

This isn't only power... this is dynamite! No wonder, then, that, “*the centurion, and they that were with him watching Jesus, ... feared greatly, saying, Truly, this was the Son of God.*” (Matthew 27:54)

What is the message of the cross? It is the power that tore open the curtain of the temple that separated man from God and is still tearing down curtains and walls that separate us from God; the power that shook the earth and split the rocks and is still shaking and crumbling the rock-like hearts of men and women today; the power

that broke open the tombs and raised many of the dead to life and continues to do so today when people who are spiritually or emotionally dead respond to the message of the cross.



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“... it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.” (1 Corinthians 1:21).

The key here is the phrase “those who believe”. But verse 22 presents a sad picture of men and women of all times: “*Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom.*” To unbelieving men or women, the message of the cross is foolishness until they open their hearts and eyes to the power in the message. Many are led to believe that

this power should manifest itself in them through supernatural signs and miracles; otherwise they have not experienced the power of God.

However, the greatest miracle that takes place when you are touched by God's power is that you are born-again. Your old broken life is exchanged for a new whole one. Despair turns into hope, darkness becomes light, death is replaced by life! Chaos becomes order and there is harmony and beauty.

Yes, the world demands miraculous signs and wonders, but there is no more powerful sign than that of the cross.

“*But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Gentiles foolishness.*” (1 Corinthians 1:22). ☐

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therefore repent and receive Christ as your Saviour or spend eternity in the Lake of Fire!



“It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.” Hebrews 9:27.



“God... Now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.” Acts 17:30.



“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.” John 3:16 and 6:37.



“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever... And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this Book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the Book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life.” Revelation 20:10, 15; 22:18b-19a. K.J.V.



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