

Power of the Cross Spirit Empowered Living – Part 4

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Acts 2:23 (ESV) this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

Acts 2:24 (ESV) God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

1. The _____ and power of God

1 Corinthians 1:18 (ESV) For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:23-24 (ESV) but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:27 (ESV) But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

2. The basis for _____ in Christ

1 Corinthians 2:2-3 (ESV) For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling,

1 Corinthians 2:4 (ESV) and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

1 Corinthians 2:5 (ESV) so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

3. Revealed by God's _____

1 Corinthians 2:10 (ESV) these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

1 Corinthians 2:12 (ESV) Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

1 Corinthians 2:13 (ESV) And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

1 Corinthians 2:14 (ESV) The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (1 Corinthians 1-2)
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to attend the service next week.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

Power of the Cross Study Guide

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Intro. Why do you think that the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday was replaced by cries for crucifixion by Friday?

Intro. What does Acts 2:23 tell us about God's plans for Jesus (Acts 2:23)?

Intro. How would you explain to someone why it was necessary for Jesus to be crucified?

Intro. Why wasn't it possible for death to hold Jesus in its grip (Acts 2:24)?

1A. In what ways is the message of the cross foolishness to the unsaved (1 Corinthians 1:18)?

1B. Why is it important to speak of Christ crucified in our witnessing (1 Corinthians 1:23-24)?

1C. What do you think that Paul meant when he said that God chose the foolish things of the world to confound the wise (1 Corinthians 1:27)?

1D. How might you speak of the cross to an unbeliever so that they could understand?

2A. What did Paul focus on, and what did he avoid, in telling the Corinthians about Christ (1 Corinthians 2:2-3)?

2B. What are some ways a believer might rely on human means rather than God in proclaiming the Gospel (1 Corinthians 2:4)?

2C. How does relying on the Spirit's power in witnessing result in a stronger faith in those who hear (1 Corinthians 2:5)?

2D. How can Paul's admission of weakness and trembling encourage you in sharing the Gospel?

3A. How can we comprehend the plans of God despite our human limitations (1 Corinthians 2:10,12)?

3B. Why is it important to rely on the Spirit when we are seeking to communicate spiritual truths (1 Corinthians 2:13-14)?

3C. How can the message of the cross cause you as a believer to grow in your spiritual maturity?