

## The Cross at the Center TS012

### – Part 1 – 4293

#### I. Introduction

- A. Pattern of Paul from Athens to Corinth (1 Cor. 2:1–5)
- B. Personal testimony—student of Ludwig Wittgenstein, father of linguistic philosophy (1 Cor. 1:18–21)

#### II. Six Aspects of the Cross

- A. One perfect all-sufficient sacrifice (Heb. 10:14)—Removed the guilt of all humanity (Is. 53:6, 10)
  - 1. All the *evil* came upon Jesus that all the *good* might come upon us (2 Cor. 5:21)
  - 2. God having given Jesus will not withhold anything, but also with Him will freely give us all things (Rom. 8:31–34)
- B. Supernatural grace released through the cross
  - 1. Christianity is not a set of rules or the Law (Gal. 3:11–12)
  - 2. End of all human strength and wisdom (1 Cor. 1:22–25)
  - 3. Strength out of weakness (2 Cor. 12:7–10; 13:4)
    - a. Grace begins where human ability ends
    - b. New Testament way to holiness: not struggling, but yielding—not effort, but union (Gal. 2:20; John 15:1, 4–5)
  - 4. Result: I can do *all* things through the *one* who empowers me within (Phil. 4:13)
- C. Supernatural confirmation of God is released (1 Cor. 2:4–5)
  - 1. Supernatural power brings obedience from the heart (Rom. 15:18–19)
  - 2. Example of ministry in Africa

### – Part 2 – 4294

#### I. Review

- A. Why we must keep the cross at the center
  - 1. Cross represents one all-sufficient sacrifice by which God has provided for every need.
  - 2. Through the Cross we can receive the supernatural grace we need to do what the New Testament tells us we ought to do.
  - 3. The Cross is the basis upon which God releases the supernatural confirmation of His Word.

#### II. Six Aspects of the Cross (cont'd.)

- D. Cross sole basis of the total defeat of Satan (Col. 2:13–15 [compare Luke 11:21–22])

1. God did two things through the death of Jesus to deliver us from guilt
  - a. He made provision for the past
  - b. He has removed the Law of Moses as the means for achieving righteousness with God
2. Faith is now imputed for righteousness (Rom. 4:22–25 [compare Gen. 15:6; Luke 22:31–32])
3. No condemnation (Rom. 5:1; 8:1)
4. How to overcome Satan (Rev. 12:10–11)
- E. Door to God's secret, hidden wisdom (1 Cor. 2:6–10)
  1. Paul renounces religion for revelation of Christ (Phil. 3:7–11)
  2. Way to the throne (Eph. 2:4–6)
- F. Ultimate demonstration of God's love and our value
  1. Jesus laid down His life for us (John 15:13–14)
  2. We were: (Rom. 5:6–10)
    - a. Without strength
    - b. Ungodly
    - c. Sinners
    - d. Enemies
  3. Nothing can separate us from God's love (Rom. 8:35–39)
  4. God redeemed us with His own blood (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 1:18–19)
    - a. Our value: the price God paid
    - b. The merchant and the pearl (Matt. 13:45–46)