

Sermon: Confidence in the Message of the Cross

Bible Passage: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

1. Divisions within the Church have the potential to undermine the credibility of the Message of the Cross (1:10-17)

- (a) Factions had arisen in the Corinthian church that were undermining the message of the Cross
- (b) The message of the Cross is affected by hypocrisy

2. The Power inherent in the Message of the Cross (1:18-19)

- (a) Those who accept the message of the Cross realize the power inherent in it
- (b) Human wisdom alone is insufficient to lead to salvation

3. The Superiority of the Message of the Cross (1:20-21)

- (a) The custodians of human wisdom pale in comparison to the message of the Cross
- (b) Human wisdom has taken God out of the picture
- (c) God disparages any wisdom that is devoid of Him

4. The Reluctance to accept the Message of the Cross (1:22-23)

- (a) The message of the Cross was a “stumbling block” to the Jew
- (b) The message of the Cross was “foolishness” to the Greek

5. Christ is at the very center of the Message of the Cross (1:24-25)

- (a) Transformed Jews and Greeks realize the power inherent in the message of the Cross
- (b) The message of the Cross continues to transform the lives of people

6. Take Away

Be Confident in the power inherent in the Message of the Cross