

## SERMON NOTES

April 4, 2010

“Cross Words”

1 Corinthians 1:17-23

### THE CROSS...

- ...Nothing can **SATISFY** our heart's deep desires like the **LOVE** of the cross.
- ...Nothing can **HEAL** our sin like the **FORGIVENESS** of the cross.
- ...Nothing **DELIVERS** us from certain **DEATH** like the cross.
- ...Nothing will make us **HOPE** for eternal **LIFE** like the cross.

### THE GOSPEL IS A MESSAGE ABOUT...

- 1) ...**HISTORICAL** events
  - Life of Christ
  - Death of Christ
  - Resurrection of Christ
- 2) ...what those events **ACHIEVED**
  - Completion of perfect obedience
  - PAYMENT** for our sins
  - REMOVAL** of the wrath of God
  - Installation of Jesus as the:
    - CRUCIFIED** Savior
    - RISEN** Messiah
    - King of the **UNIVERSE**
  - Destruction of **DEATH**
- 3) ...the **TRANSFER** of these achievements to us
  - By **FAITH** alone
  - Without **WORKS**
- 4) ...the good things that are now **TRUE** about **US**
  - [propitiation]** – God is merciful to us **now**
  - [justification]** – We are counted righteous in Christ **now**
  - [redemption]** – We are freed from sin's guilt and power **now**
  - [sanctification]** – We are positionally/progressively being made holy **now**
- 5) ...**GOD** Himself
  - Our final, eternal, all satisfying Treasure!

In the Person of Christ – God's love and justice join.

Made possible by the **cross!!** - ONLY THE CROSS!

## OUR CORE VALUES

### Belief – Practice – Virtue

Our virtues are the natural result of practicing what we believe! If we understand [**“belief”**] God is personal (i.e. transcendent & imminent (Psalm 121) then we will worship [**“practice”**] God for who He is which results in joy and peace [**“virtue”**]. (Psalm 95:1-7): When we practice what we believe our lives will manifest virtue.

### 10 Christian Virtues

#### WHAT WE EXPECT TO BE

Christian beliefs deal with what we need to know. Christian practices deal with what we endeavor to *do*. Christian virtues deal with what we expect to be – [the ultimate expression of Christ-likeness.] As with our core beliefs and practices, there is no need for fresh thinking in this area – just fresh obedience.

**Joyful:** having inner contentment and purpose in spite of our circumstances (John 15:11)

**Peaceful:** being free from anxiety because things are right between God and me, and between me and others (Philippians 4:6-7)

**Faithful:** being faithful to fulfill God's will for our life (Proverbs 3:3-4)

**Self-Controlled:** having the power to control ourselves (1 Thessalonians 5:6)

**Loving:** unconditionally loving others (1 John 4:10-12)

**Patient:** being patient with others (Proverbs 14:29)

**Kind/Good:** choosing to consistently do the right thing in our relationships with others (1 Thessalonians 5:15)

**Gentle:** being thoughtful, considerate and calm as we deal with others (Philippians 4:5)

**Humble:** choosing to esteem others above ourselves (Philippians 2:3-4)

**Hopeful:** coping with the hardships of life and death because of the hope we have in Jesus Christ (Hebrews 6:17-20)

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## Discussion:

## Prayer Requests:

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## Praises:

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## Verse to memorize:

## HOW TO SURVIVE YOUR PASTOR'S SERMONS:

1. Listen to the sermon as if your life depended on it.
2. Look for God's remedies for sin and His instructions for living in a sinful world.
3. Expect to be taught by the Holy Spirit as you hear God's Word proclaimed.
4. Be determined to listen...regardless of the speaker's oratory skills.
5. A profitable Bible message is one that delivers **one** life-transforming truth.
6. Pre-commit to apply and obey God's Word as it is set forth in the sermon.

## APPLICATION:

### Application is Hard Work:

1. ...because it requires serious thinking.
2. ...because Satan fights it viciously.
3. ...because we naturally resist change.

### Four Steps to Practical Application:

- I. **Pray** for insight on how to apply the passage.
- II. **Meditate** on verses you have chosen to study.
  - a. Put yourself in the biblical scene.
  - b. Emphasize words in the passage you are studying.
  - c. Paraphrase the passage.
  - d. Personalize the passage you are studying.
  - e. Use the S-P-A-C-E-P-E-T-S acrostic. \*
- III. **Write** out an application – (Personal, Practical, Possible, Provable)
- IV. **Memorize** a key verse from your study.

### Questions to Ask When Studying the Bible:

1. What attitude do I need to change (surrender)?
2. What do I need to start doing? Stop doing?
3. What things do I need to believe? Stop believing?
4. What relationships do I need to work on?
5. What ministry should I be having with others?

\*S – Sin to confess?

P – Promise to claim?

A – Attitude to change?

C – Command to obey?

E – Example to follow?

P – Prayer to pray?

E – Error to avoid?

T – Truth to believe?

S – Something to praise God for?