

# THE REDEMPTION STORY

## CHRONOLOGICALLY

### *Salvation and The Glory of God*

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1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

We've been looking at God's plan for bringing man back to Himself; story-by-story, beginning in Genesis. Each story has been an illustration of the Big Event depicting God's Love, Justice, Wisdom, Power all in one place — The Cross.

## THE PURPOSE OF THE CROSS

### 1) Make Much of You v.24-28

#### Promises To The Chosen

ROMANS 8:28-30

#### When Did God Choose?

EPHESIANS 1:4-6

### It is your responsibility to believe v.21

*THE MOST IMPORTANT PURPOSE OF THE CROSS IS...*

### 2) Make Much of Him v.29-31

PSALM 23:1-3 (ESV)

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

HABAKKUK 2:14 (ESV)

*For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*

EPHESIANS 1:5-6,11-14(ESV)

*In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace,... In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.*

## Meditate on and Memorize the Gospel

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

ROMANS 8:31-34

ISAIAH 53:3-6

ROMANS 3:23-26

ROMANS 5:6-11

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4

GALATIANS 2:20-21

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## LIFE GROUP STUDY

### **BIG IDEA**

Today we will discuss how the cross seems absurd to the lost, but is at the center of our salvation and lives as Christ-followers. We will discuss how the cross should be the center of every Christ-follower's life.

### **GETTING STARTED**

Pastor Bill talked about a Dog vs. Cat Theology. Which animal most often describes your relationship with God?

Do people in our culture, even those who call themselves Christians, discount the cross of Christ for hope in everyday life?

### **DIGGING IN**

#### **Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-28**

How many times does Paul use forms of the words "called" and "chosen"? Who initiates salvation according to v. 26-28? Why can no man boast of his salvation?

[Explain that the uses of these words reveal how God draws people to Himself for salvation.](#)

#### **Read 1 Corinthians 1:22-23**

Why did the Jews and the Greeks think the cross was so absurd?  
[Jews believed, because of the Law, that anyone who hung on a tree to die was cursed. Therefore, thinking that the coming Messiah would not only die, but would be hung on a cross to die, was completely absurd to them. The Greek culture was renowned for their search for knowledge and wisdom, with even some groups believing that knowledge was the way to attain enlightenment or a sense of salvation.](#)

#### **Read Ephesians 1:3-10**

When does this passage indicate that God determined to bring salvation to each of His people? What does this convey about His love for His people?

#### **Read Romans 8:28-30**

What does this passage convey about God's determination to complete the entire salvation process of justification, sanctification, and glorification? What does this indicate about His relationship with His people?

#### **Read Ephesians 1:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:30-31**

Why did God go to such extreme measures for our salvation?  
[So that we would make much of Him.](#)

#### **Read 1 Corinthians 1:21**

What is the responsibility of man in the process of salvation?  
How can man be required to believe and yet God do all of the work of salvation?

[God has given us responsibility and we will be held accountable for our actions. We must be careful to preserve the relationship between the sovereignty of God and the will of man for the truth about our salvation. Carrying God's sovereignty to the extreme \(everything about salvation is up to God\) would excuse us from being His witnesses both here and abroad. We cannot violate God's command to go. Paul also tells us in Romans 10:14-15 that people cannot respond to Him if they have never heard and it's our responsibility to tell them.](#)

### **BRINGING IT HOME**

#### **Read Galatians 2:20**

What does Paul indicate that a Christ-follower's life should look like every day?

What things in this world do we hold on to for our identity? What is the danger in allowing things like sports teams, jobs, children, hobbies, etc. to give us our identity or contribute to our identity?

How can we keep a proper perspective of these things while having a healthy enjoyment of them?

How does the cross help us to have a proper perspective of things in this world?

Take time in the days ahead to meditate and memorize the verses Pastor Bill recommended about the cross.

Spend some time praising the Lord for your salvation.