

The Journey of Men in Christ – December 2021

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

Ὁ λόγος γὰρ ὁ τοῦ σταυροῦ (1Co 1:18 BGT)

1 Corinthians 1:22 *Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a scandalous stumbling block to Jews and senselessness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*

1. The Christ who is preached is the Christ of the cross
2. The gospel centers in the “Word of the Cross”
3. Here is found God’s power into reconciliation
4. Paul’s understanding of God in Christ must be held in mind
5. Here “education” and “religion”, however great, fail
6. God will only be known in his great act of rescue and healing - Atonement

Colossians 1:11 - *May he strengthen you, in his own glorious might, in all power, for fortitude and joyous patience, for giving gratitude to the Father, who has made us fit to share in the portion of God’s holy people of light. He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and moved us to the reign of his dear Son, in whom our deliverance is secured - the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the primacy over all creation; it is in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, orders of authority, sovereignties, principalities, - all were created through him and to him. He is the origin of all things, and in him all things are held together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the origin, the first born from out of the dead, so that in everything he might be preeminent. In him the full being of God pleased to live; and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether of earth or in heaven. And you, who once were estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his own physical body through his death, making peace by the blood of his cross, to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him. . .*