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SCANDALOUS

The Message of the Cross

Lesson One • Romans 3:19-30

The Necessity of the Cross

The Scandal of the Cross • 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The cross has always caused a **SCANDAL**...and it always will!
1 Corinthians 1:18, 22

Yet no matter how scandalous, the cross will always be **NECESSARY!**
1 Corinthians 1:18-21, 23-25

"But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." Galatians 6:14

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1. Why Is the Cross **NECESSARY**?

- Our **CONDITION**: *We are helpless and hopeless sinners. (3:19-20, 23)*
- God's **POSITION**: *He is the just Judge who must condemn all sinners. (1:18; 2:5, 8; 3:5, 19-20)*
- God's **COMPASSION**: *He is the merciful Deliverer who wants to declare sinners right in His sight and become their loving Father. (5:8)*

2. How Does the Cross **SAVE** Sinners Like Us?

- God's **PROVISION**: *But now the cross demonstrates that God is both just and the one who declares sinners right in His sight. (3:21-26; 5:9)*

How Does God Provide for Our Salvation on the Cross?

- By His **GRACE** alone. (*Sola Gratia* – 3:21, 23-24)

- In **CHRIST** alone. (*Solus Christus* – 3:22, 24-25)
- Through **FAITH** alone. (*Sola Fide* – 3:22, 26-28, 30-31)
- According to **SCRIPTURE** alone. (*Sola Scriptura* – 3:10, 21. 1Corinthians 15:1-11)

3. What Did God **ACCOMPLISH** on the Cross?

- God saved us for **OUR GOOD!**
- God saved us for **HIS GLORY!** (*Soli Deo Gloria* – 3:26-28)

"...SO THAT [GOD] WOULD BE JUST AND THE JUSTIFIER of the one who has faith in Jesus. WHERE THEN IS BOASTING? IT IS EXCLUDED. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith." Romans 3:26-27

...so that no man may boast before God. But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, "LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD." 1 Corinthians 1:29-31

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God's Application of the Cross to Our Lives

- **Today by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone you can become a new creation!**

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 2Corinthians 5:20-21

- **Today as new creations in Christ we should live for Him in all that we do!**

"For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf... Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ..." 2Corinthians 5:14-18

Next Steps to Know, Grow, Show, and Go with Christ as a New Creation

- Help to **Fill Eggs** on Saturday, March 24.
- Serve at the **Eggstravaganza** on Saturday, March 31.
- Invite people to **Easter Service** on Sunday, April 1 – *no fooling!*
- Take the **Discovering Church Membership Class** and become a member!