

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**SERMON NOTES**  
**March 10, 2024**

**Resurrection Power: The Power of the Cross**

***1 Corinthians 1:18 HCSB***

*<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but it is God's power to us who are being saved.*

[1 Corinthians 1:18](#) is a well-known and widely studied passage in the New Testament, often referred to as the "foolishness of the cross." This verse highlights the paradoxical nature of the Christian message and the power of the cross to transform lives.

The Cross, Foolishness

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God's Wisdom in the Cross:

***1 Corinthians 1:19–25 HCSB***

*<sup>19</sup> For it is written: **I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will set aside the understanding of the experts.** <sup>20</sup> Where is the philosopher? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Hasn't God made the world's wisdom foolish? <sup>21</sup> For since, in God's wisdom, the world did not know God through wisdom, God was pleased to save those who believe through the foolishness of the message preached. <sup>22</sup> For the Jews ask for signs and the Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we*

*preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles. <sup>24</sup> Yet to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is God's power and God's wisdom, <sup>25</sup> because God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.*

***Colossians 1:19–20 HCSB***

*<sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, <sup>20</sup> and through Him to reconcile everything to Himself by making peace through the blood of His cross — whether things on earth or things in heaven.*

**Additional reading:** [Romans 1:16](#), [2 Cor 2:14](#), [Col 2:14](#), [Acts 2:21](#), [2 Tim 4:1-5](#), John 3:16

***Luke 18:10–14 HCSB***

*<sup>10</sup> "Two men went up to the temple complex to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee took his stand and was praying like this: 'God, I thank You that I'm not like other people — greedy, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of everything I get.' <sup>13</sup> "But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even raise his eyes to heaven but kept striking his chest and saying, 'God, turn Your wrath from me — a sinner!'<sup>14</sup> I tell you, this one went down to his house justified rather than the other; because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*

How about you, what does the Cross mean to you today. Is it foolishness, or is it power? Is it a sad way to die? or your only hope to have eternal life?

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