

Christ, Culture, & The Cross

The Spirit's Power

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Waiting

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The Letter of 1 Corinthians

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A Quick Review

1 Corinthians 1:17-31

For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. (1 Corinthians 1:17)

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18)

We preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. . . (1 Corinthians 1:23)

That this crucified Jew, Jesus Christ, could truly be a divine being sent on earth, God's Son, Lord of all and the coming judge of the world, must inevitably have been thought by any educated man to be utter "madness" and presumptuousness. (Dr. Martin Hengel, *Crucifixion*)

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The Message & The Messenger

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One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God. (Acts 18:9-11)

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2) The _____ . . . The _____.

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3) _____ . . . Is _____.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. (1 Peter 3:15)

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One Key Question

⇒ _____ . . . Be _____?

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