

Preaching the Cross of Christ in 2025

TEXT: I Corinthians 1:17-24 (KJV)

¹⁷ For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

¹⁸ For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹ For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

²⁰ Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

²¹ For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

²² For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

²³ But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

²⁴ But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

FIVE POINTS:

1. Christ Paid the Debt for Man's Sins
2. Christ's Cross Means He Has All Authority and He Must Be Obeyed
3. Christ's Cross Means Christ's Church Must Teach Truth
4. Christ's Cross Means Christ's Church Must Be Separate From Doctrines of Demons
5. Is the Mass for Christ the Doctrine of Christ or Doctrine of Demons?

Point #1: Christ Paid the Debt for Man's Sins

- I Peter 3:18 (LNT)
- II Corinthians 5:19-21 (LNT)
- I Peter 2:24 (LNT)

I Peter 3:18 (LNT)

Christ also suffered. He died once for the sins of all us guilty sinners, although He Himself was innocent of any sin at any time, that He might bring us safely home to God. But though His body died, His spirit lived on.

II Corinthians 5:19-21 (LNT)

19 For God was in Christ, restoring the world to Himself, no longer counting men's sins against them but blotting them out. This is the wonderful message He has given us to tell others.

20 We are Christ's ambassadors. God is using us to speak to you; we beg you, as though Christ Himself were here pleading with you, receive the love He offers you—be reconciled to Him.

21 For God took the sinless Christ and poured into Him our sins. Then, in exchange, He poured God's goodness into us!

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I Peter 2:24 (LNT)

He personally carried the load of our sins in His own body when He died on the cross, so that we can be finished with sin, and live a good life from now on. For His wounds have healed ours!

Point #2: Christ's Cross Means He Has All Authority and He Must Be Obeyed

- Matthew 28:19 (KJV)
- Hebrews 5:8-9 (KJV)
- I Corinthians 11:24-26 (KJV)

Matthew 28:18-19 (KJV)

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Hebrews 5:8-9 (KJV)

8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; **9** And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

I Corinthians 11:24-26 (KJV)

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. **25** After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. **26** For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Point #3: Christ's Cross Means Christ's Church Must Teach Truth

- I Timothy 3:15 (KJV)
- Titus 1:2 (KJV)
- I Peter 4:11 (KJV)

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But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Titus 1:2 (KJV)

In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

I Peter 4:11 (KJV)

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If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Point #4: Christ's Cross Means Christ's Church Must Be Separate From Doctrines of Demons

- I Timothy 4:1-3 (KJV) (NLT)
- II Corinthians 6:14-18 (KJV)
- Ephesians 5:6-11 (KJV)

I Timothy 4:1-3 (KJV)

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; **2** Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; **3** Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

I Timothy 4:1-3 (NLT)

1 Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. **2** These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead. **3** They will say it is wrong to be married and wrong to eat certain foods. But God created those foods to be eaten with thanks by faithful people who know the truth.

II Corinthians 6:14-18 (KJV)

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? **15** And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? **16** And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, **18** And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Ephesians 5:6-11 (KJV)

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[6](#) Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. [7](#) Be not ye therefore partakers with them. [8](#) For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: [9](#) (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) [10](#) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. [11](#) And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

Point #5: Is the Mass for Christ the Doctrine of Christ or Doctrine of Demons?

- II John 9 (KJV)
- Matthew 21:25-27 (KJV)

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Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

Matthew 21:25-27 (KJV)

[25](#) The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him? [26](#) But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet. [27](#) And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION OF FAITH:

1. **HEAR the GOSPEL ~ Romans 10:17**
So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.
2. **BELIEVE ~ Hebrews 11:6**
But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.
3. **REPENT ~ Luke 13:3**
I tell you nay; but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.
4. **CONFESS ~ Matthew 10:32-33**
Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.
5. **BE BAPTIZED ~ Acts 22:16**
And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.
6. **BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH ~ Revelation 2:10**
Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.