

THE CROSS *and* CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

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1 Corinthians 1

Why 1 Corinthians?

- As we grow...
 - We want to _____ for every single member of a relatively large church.
- As we go...
 - We want to be _____ to God's Word as God's people in a rapidly shifting culture.

The Church... A Community Formed By The Cross

- The cross _____ us.
 - The contrast...
 - To those who are perishing, the cross seems _____.
 - To those who are being saved, the cross evokes _____.
 - The cause...
 - Not the specific _____ of those who are called.
 - Only the sovereign _____ of the One who calls.
 - The caution...
 - Recognize the _____ of God.
 - Remember the _____ of man.
 - The conclusion...
 - We don't revel in the _____ or the ways of this world.
 - We only revel in the _____ and the glory of our God.
- The cross _____ us.
 - Because of the cross, all of our _____ is gone.
 - Because of the cross, all of God's _____ are ours.
- The cross _____ us.
 - The cross erases any reason for _____ among us.
 - The cross exalts the only One who _____ for us.
- The cross _____ us.
 - Christ is our righteousness: He has saved us from sin's _____.
 - Christ is our sanctification: He is saving us from sin's _____.
 - Christ is our redemption: He will save us from sin's _____.
- The cross _____ us.
 - We want to _____ the holiness of God.
 - We want to _____ the hope of the gospel.
- The cross _____ us.
 - The Christ who came to die on a cross is the Christ who's coming to usher in a _____.
 - The church is not living for our best life now; the church is living for our best life _____.



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- As we grow...
 - We want to care for every single member of a relatively large church.
- As we go...
 - We want to be faithful to God's Word as God's people in a rapidly shifting culture.

The Church...

A Community Formed By The Cross

- The cross humbles us.
 - The contrast...
 - To those who are perishing, the cross seems absurd.
 - To those who are being saved, the cross evokes awe.
 - The cause...
 - Not the specific quality of those who are called.
 - Only the sovereign mercy of the One who calls.
 - The caution...
 - Recognize the initiative of God.
 - Remember the responsibility of man.
 - The conclusion...
 - We don't revel in the wisdom or the ways of this world.
 - We only revel in the grace and the glory of our God.
- The cross satisfies us.
 - Because of the cross, all of our guilt is gone.
 - Because of the cross, all of God's gifts are ours.
- The cross unifies us.
 - The cross erases any reason for division among us.
 - The cross exalts the only One who died for us.
- The cross transforms us.
 - Christ is our righteousness: He has saved us from sin's penalty.
 - Christ is our sanctification: He is saving us from sin's power.
 - Christ is our redemption: He will save us from sin's presence.
- The cross compels us.
 - We want to reflect the holiness of God.
 - We want to proclaim the hope of the gospel.
- The cross assures us.
 - The Christ who came to die on a cross is the Christ who's coming to usher in a kingdom.
 - The church is not living for our best life now; the church is living for our best life later.