



"How will you spend eternity-

SMOKING or *Don't smoking?*"



# The Blood of Jesus, Part 4

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## **1 Corinthians 1:17-21**

**17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.**

# **1 Corinthians 1:17-21** (continued)

18 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.

19 For it is written: "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND BRING TO NOTHING THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRUDENT."

# **1 Corinthians 1:17-21** (continued)

20 Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe?

Where *is* the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

The, “Message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing (1 Cor 1:18)”.

Those who have refused the Salvation that Jesus has provided them through the “Blood of His Cross (Col 1:20)”, find it difficult to see the wisdom and power of God in the message of the Cross. The Cross and its message have become foolish to them.

However, to the believer in Jesus Christ the Cross and its message have become a message of hope, power, salvation, and deliverance. The believer easily finds great power in the message of the Cross.

# 1 Corinthians 1:18

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**Perishing** (apollumi)- to put out of the way entirely, abolish, put an end to ruin

**Saved** (sozo)- to save, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction

**Power** (dunamis)- power for performing miracles



## ***The power released through the Cross:***

- Saves the Sinner
- Gives Man Access to Heaven
- Heals the Sick
- Opens Blind Eyes
- Opens Deaf Ears
- Cleanses the Leper
- Washes Away All Sin
- Delivers Men from the Power of the Enemy
- Prepares us to stand before God
- Prepares us for the Holy Spirit

***Jesus Said: "Do this in remembrance of Me"***

## **1 Corinthians 11:24-26**

24 and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

# 1 Corinthians 11:24-26 (continued)

25 In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me."

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

***It is the death of Jesus that gives us  
life- NOT MERELY AFTERLIFE- but life  
and life more abundantly, NOW!***

# Put On Christ

## Galatians 3:26-27

26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

**Put on** (enduo)- to sink into, to clothe one's self, to put on

## ***What others should expect from us:***

- Healing and Deliverance (Acts 10:38)
- Salvation (Acts 4:12)
- Power (Luke 4:14; Mark 14:62; Acts 4:33; Acts 10:38)
- Abundant Life (John 10:10)
- Holiness (Eph 4:24; 1 Thess 4:7; Heb 12:10)

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**THIS BLOOD IS FOR YOU**