

THE SCANDAL OF THE CROSS

Introduction – The cross was a cruel form of public execution. It slowly tortured the victim to death. Today the cross is reduced to religious art, architecture, and jewelry.

A. The cross is at the heart of the Christian message.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

B. All the wisdom and intelligence of the world was not able to reveal the character of the one real God.

1 Corinthians 1:18-21

C. The cross was seen as a scandalous and foolish stumbling block to people in the first century.

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Conclusion – The message of the cross is still scandalous today. Few people are willing to be crucified with Christ so that they can really live.

Luke 9:23

Galatians 2:20