

# THE PARADOX OF THE CROSS

Introduction – A paradox consists of statements that lead to an apparent or real contradiction in logic or intuition. In the cross of Christ we see how God wins by losing.

- A. From a merely human perspective, the death of Jesus on the cross was His humiliating defeat by the powerful Roman Empire and rejection by organized religion.

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

- B. The cross was not an unforeseen accident, but part of God's paradoxical plan to redeem a lost world.

1 Peter 1:18-21

- C. We must choose to embrace the meaning of the cross to live spiritually victorious lives.

Luke 9:21-24

2 Corinthians 12:8-10

Conclusion – We can share in the victory of God over demonic powers and sin by participating by faith in Jesus example.

Colossians 2:11-14