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1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message of the cross is the power of God for those who are being saved. There is inherent and miracle working power in the cross. The message of the cross then is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”* John 3:16

In God’s magnificent wisdom, he was fully aware that our minds, our wisdom on its own, could not comprehend who he is. God himself is the Gospel. It simply would be impossible. As human beings we desire miracles and signs and wonders so that God’s presence and power can be realized. According to the wisdom of the world, the cross of Jesus Christ displays no merit or power of God on its own. This is exactly opposite of His divine power and attention. The cross is offensive to the world because its message is that sin must be dealt with. Sin is not ok.

Without the cross there is no shed blood to atone for sin. Only shed blood can pay for or atone for sin. Without the cross there is no Great Exchange...Jesus takes our sin; we get His righteousness. Without the cross there is no hope. Without the cross there is no resurrection glory.

The cross is God’s chosen altar on which the Perfect Lamb is sacrificed. It is where life meets death, and death meets life. It is the power of God.