

# **THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS**

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## **Galatians 6:14**

### **Why Would Paul Boast in the Cross?**

#### **1. GOD'S PROMISE IS REVEALED.**

*“He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth. From prison and trial they led him away to his death. But who among the people realized that he was dying for their sins—that he was suffering their punishment? He had done no wrong, and he never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave.” Isaiah 53: 7-9 (NLT)*

*“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.” Galatians 4: 4-5 (ESV)*

#### **2. GOD'S PURPOSE IS REVEALED.**

*“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” I John 4: 10 (NIV)*

*“No one can take my life from me. I lay down my life voluntarily. For I have the right to lay it down when I want to and also the power to take it again. For my Father has given me this command.” John 10: 18 (NLT)*

*“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.” I Corinthians 1: 18 (NIV)*

#### **3. GOD'S POWER IS REVEALED.**

*“And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.” Galatians 5: 24 (ESV)*

*“He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live to please themselves. Instead, they will live to please Christ, who died and was raised for them.” II Corinthians 5: 15 (NLT)*