

## The Power of the Cross

*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. —1 Corinthians 1:18*

The word cross brings a visual image to our minds. It is not difficult to understand the literal meaning of the word cross but it is challenging to comprehend the power of the cross.

In Paul's day, the preaching of the crucified Savior caused the Greeks to laugh. It was foolishness to them. Today there are numbers of people who mock believers and say that the cross is not the only way to heaven. The Greeks and the scoffers today have a lot in common—they are perishing.

To believers, there is power in the cross. It was Christ's sacrificial death that miraculously cleansed us from sin. It was that same power that made us heirs to eternity with the King of Kings. It is the power of the cross that freely offers grace to all who will come to Christ in faith believing in His atoning work. It is because of the power of the cross Christians have the grace to live in difficult times. It is the power of the Cross that radically changes lives of sinful men and women.

*When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride—Isaac Watts*