

Christ and Him Crucified

(2) The Conquest of the Cross



Series Goal

That Mercy Hill Church would be radically *cross-centered* and become more and more *cross-cultured*.



Message Map

1. The Centrality of the Cross
2. **The Conquest of the Cross**
3. The Calling of the Cross
4. The Community of the Cross



Key Text

1 Corinthians 1:17-2:2

→ “And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption...” (1:30).



Big Idea

The spoils of Christ’s conquest on the cross are given freely to those who have reached the end of their self-saving efforts and are willing to receive His saving work by faith.

(1) The Cross as the Conquest of a New Adam

- Righteousness = being right in standing before God
- Sanctification = being set apart for intimate relationship with God
- Redemption = being freed for the undivided worship of God

In the Scriptures, the work of Christ is clearly set against the work of Adam. At its most basic level, the Second Adam’s mission was to regain and bring to completion all that the First Adam had lost.

- 1 Cor 4:18-20; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Mat 4:1-11

(2) The Cross as the Conquest of a New Humanity

As the First Adam stood at the head of a fallen humanity, so Christ is to stand at the head of a new humanity. But before Christ can share with us the spoils of His conquest, He must first conquer us. For the new humanity begins where the old humanity ends.

- 1 Cor 3:18; Dan 4:28-37; 2 Cor 5:17



Critical Action

Receive and rest in the finished work of Christ on the cross as both our wisdom and power.



Reflection Questions

- Where does the wisdom of the world seem most alluring to you? Identify Satan’s “Did God actually say?” How should you respond to such a question?
- How have you seen that the wisdom of the world is truly foolishness and weakness? How have you seen that the foolishness of the cross is truly wisdom and power?
- Read Luke 15:11-24. How has Christ moved you from the pods of pigs to the feast of a fattened calf? Personalize the details of this parable. Tell your story.