

Contemplating the Cross of Christ

This Christmas Season

Part 3

Galatians 6:14

Introduction: The exegetical reasoning for an extended series on Galatians 6:14.

2 Corinthians 4:3–6; 1 Corinthians 2:2

This Christmas season we are going to contemplate the cross of Christ because the Cross of Christ reveals the glory of God.

“He must increase and I must decrease.” John the Baptist

The pragmatism of the church and the church’s superficial view of God.

“We have no capacity to be amazed at God. We have trivialized God to a recipe for successful living.” R.C. Sproul

“The only thing of transcendent importance to human beings is the knowledge of God. This knowledge does not belong to those who endlessly focus on themselves. Those who truly come to know God delight just to know Him. He becomes their center. They think of Him, delight in Him, boast of Him. They want to know more and more what kind of God He is.” D A Carson

The power of God. Romans 1:15–16

The wisdom of God. Acts 2:14, 22–23

The imminence of God. Romans 8:3, 32; 2 Corinthians 2:21

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The grace of God.

The plan of redemption exists because of the grace of God. Ephesians 1:9–10

The reality of personal redemption exists because of the grace of God. Eph.2:8

The righteousness of God.

Ensures that He remains faithful to His plan.

Ensures that He remains just while being merciful

Ensures that His wrath against the sinner is satisfied as He expresses His love toward the sinner

The compassion of God. Psalm 103:8–10

The immutability of God. My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will but as you will. Matthew 26:39

The faithfulness of God.

Faithfulness of God the Father. John 17:6,9,20; 6:44,65

Faithfulness of God the Spirit.

Faithfulness of God the Son.

The holiness of God.

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Jeremiah 9:24 (But let him that glorieth glory in this, That he understandeth and knoweth me, That I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: For in these things I delight, saith the LORD.