

# The Wonder of the Cross

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: I Corinthians 2:1-5.

B. The cross is the greatest wonder of the world.

II. Paul's fear was that the Corinthians would not accept the message of Christ, so he chose to preach this message alone. (Galatians 6:14)

A. Paul understood the wonder of the cross.

B. The crucifixion is the heart of the Christian faith.

III. The crucifixion is the most important historical event.

A. It was the plan of God before the foundation of the world. (Ephesians 1)

B. It was the greatest demonstration of God's love for humankind.

C. It was the only event in human history that made possible the forgiveness of man. (I John 2:2)

D. It was the only moment in which the Godhead was separated since Christ bore the sin of the world.

E. It was the only time in history that God died.

F. It is the one event in history that cannot be duplicated and will never be repeated. (Hebrews 9)

G. It is the only event in history that affected everyone that was born and everyone that had yet to be born.

IV. Your response to the crucifixion of Christ is your most important decision.

A. It will affect how you end in life.

B. One cannot put this decision off—putting the decision off is making a decision.

C. Paul understood the consequences of rejecting Christ.

## Application questions:

1. Why is the crucifixion of Christ the most important event in history?

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2. Why is one's response to the cross the most important decision in a person's life?

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3. How should understanding the importance of this message affect our interaction with other Christians or with nonbelievers? Explain.

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