

The Message of the Cross

Lesson 2: July 4-10, 2026

The verses listed, except where noted, are in the American Standard Version (ASV).

Memory Text: **"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, NIV).

Sabbath Afternoon

1 Corinthians 1:18

18For the word of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us who are saved it is the power of God.

Eph 2:16, 20

16and might reconcile them both in one body unto God through the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

20and through him to reconcile all things unto himself, having made peace through the blood of his cross; through him, I say, whether things upon the earth, or things in the heavens.

8and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross.

Col 2:14

14having blotted out the bond written in ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us: and he hath taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross;

1 Cor 1:1–3

1Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,
2unto the church of God which is at Corinth, even them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, their Lord and ours:
3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Cor 1:4–9

4I thank my God always concerning you, for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus;
5that in everything ye were enriched in him, in all utterance and all knowledge; 6even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: 7so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ; 8who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye be unreprouvable in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9God is faithful, through whom ye were called into the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Cor 1:10–17

10Now I beseech you, brethren, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfected together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 11For it hath been signified unto me concerning you, my brethren, by them that are of the household of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. 12Now this I mean, that each one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. 13Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized into the name of Paul? 14I thank God that I baptized none of you, save Crispus and Gaius; 15lest any man should say that ye were baptized into my name. 16And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. 17For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not in wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made void.

