

The Gospel of the Cross

(1 Cor. 1:18-2:5; S. Terry at SouthCoast; 8/14/11)

Theme: As believers in Christ we are called to proclaim the gospel of the cross, so that people will place their faith, not in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

I. The Power of the Cross (1:18-25)

A. The cross divides (1:18-21)

B. The cross outsmarts and overpowers (1:22-25)

II. The Call of the Cross (1:26-31)

A. God's unexpected choice of the lowly (1:26-29)

B. God's rightful receiving of all glory (1:30-31)

III. The Strategy of the Cross (2:1-5)

A. Humble proclamation of the gospel (2:1-4)

B. Christ crucified – the power of God (2:5)