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**“Looking At The Cross”**  
I Corinthians 1:18

In the preceding verse, Paul warns that the attitudes and actions of the church can negate the effects of the cross. In this verse he shows the difference between how the world sees the cross and how Christians see the cross.

**I. The Problem Concerning the Cross** v.18

- A. The cross can be eclipsed by human wisdom (v.17b)
- B. The cross is stupid to the perishing (v.18)  
(Foolish – *Moros* = to be silly, stupid)

**II. The Purpose of the Cross**

- A. Substitution (Christ took my place)
- B. Salvation (Christ gives us eternal life)

**III. The Power of the Cross**

- A. We are cleansed by the cross (Col. 2:14)
- B. We are crucified to the world by the cross (Gal. 6:14 cf.2:20)
- C. We are reconciled by the cross (Eph. 2:6; Col. 1:20)