

**THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS
FOOLISHNESS, STUMBLING BLOCK,
OR POWER**

I CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

SHINY CROSS

CRUCIFIXION IS CENTER OF BIBLE

**HOW WE RESPOND DETERMINES OUR
ETERNAL DESTINY**

THREE POSSIBLE RESPONSES

THE JEWS – A STUMBLING BLOCK

WAS NOT THE KIND OF MESSIAH WANTED

JOHN 1:11

**He came to that which was his own, but his
own did not receive him.**

OVERTHROW ROME

DYING ON CROSS NOT LOOK LIKE SUCCESS

FALSE CONCEPT OF SALVATION

SAVED BY OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS

DID NOT NEED A SAVIOUR

TODAY'S CONCEPT

GOD WANTS ME TO BE HAPPY

TRY MAKE IT SOUND RIGHT

Living in sin – committed relationship

Abstinence – neurotic inhibition

Killing the unborn – pro-choice

Homosexuality – gay lifestyle

**SOONER OR LATER BUMP INTO THAT OLD
RUGGED CROSS**

GREEKS –FOOLISHNESS

SOCRATES

**The way to a successful society is
education. If we can just give everybody a
good education, then it must follow that the
world will get better.**

**MARS HILL ACTS 17:32
Some sneered at resurrection**

HUMAN REASONING

Babies aren't born to virgins
God doesn't become flesh
God not allow humans nail him to cross
No resurrection
Story is foolishness

SALVATION

All souls immortal
Die good enough go to gods
Not reincarnated another chance

TODAY

DO NOT NEED SALVATION

MISSIONARY

Do not tell people about the cross, it doesn't work. The message of a crucified Jew is ridiculous to the modern mind... So move on to something better. A crucified Messiah is stupid, but promise them prosperity, give them emotional experiences, provide them with self-esteem- then you'll fill the pews.

POWER OF GOD

ROMANS 1:16

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

GOSPEL AND GOSPEL ONLY THAT SAVED MANKIND
