

THE GLORY OF THE CROSS

- I. THE DOCTRINE OF THE CROSS (vv. 11-13)—*the cross of Christ* (v. 12)
 - A. The Cross is the Means of Salvation—*knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ* (2:16)
 - B. The Cross is the Means of Sanctification—*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me* (2:20)
- II. THE DESIGN OF THE CROSS (14-16)
 - A. An Upward Acclamation—*But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ* (v, 14a)
 - B. A Clear Distinction—*by whom [which] the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world* (v. 14b)
 - C. A New Creation—*For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation* (v. 15)
 - D. A Godly Nation—*the Israel of God* (v. 16)
- III. THE DIFFICULTY OF THE CROSS (vv. 17-18)
 - A. Social Rejection—*let no one trouble me...*
 - B. Physical Persecution—*I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus*