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the Cruciform life

FIRST CORINTHIANS

Reflections

That person does not deserve to be called a theologian who looks upon the invisible things of God as though they were clearly perceptible in those things which have actually happened. He deserves to be called a theologian, however, who comprehends the visible and manifest things of God seen through suffering and the cross. A theologian of glory calls evil good and good evil. A theologian of the cross calls the thing what it actually is.

- Martin Luther, *Heidelberg Disputation*

"Let no one educated, no one wise, no one sensible draw near. For anyone stupid, anyone uneducated, anyone who is a child, let him come boldly." By the fact that they themselves admit that these people are worthy of their God, they show that they want and are able to convince only the foolish, dishonourable, and stupid, and only slaves, women, and little children.

- Attributed to Celsus, a 2nd century opponent of Christianity

And I have a tender spot in my heart for cripples and bastards and broken things.

- George R.R. Martin, *A Game of Thrones*

'Vase of Flowers' by Jan van Huysum, 1722; Oil on panel

'Cruciform' logo by Jesse Wu

Scripture

1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5

²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

¹ And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Sermon

the Cruciform life: Cruciform Power and Glory

Rankin Wilbourne

Events & News

Orphan Care: All In, September 24

Starting today, take a deep dive into “why” and “how” to get involved with children in the foster care system. This four-week class draws from scripture-based curriculum that is focused on the need for homes, mentors and volunteers. 11 AM in the Teacher’s Cafeteria at SAMOHI and 3:30 PM in the Parish Office at St. John’s.

Membership Seminar, September 30

If you are ready to call PCC your church home, come hear what the Bible teaches us about membership and what it means to be a member of PCC. Breakfast provided.

Pre-Marriage Seminar, November 11

Are you engaged or thinking about marriage? Are you newly married with a desire to have a godly marriage? Topics include the Biblical institution of marriage, communication, roles, and money.

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Ministry Resources

Pastoral Care

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Celebrate Recovery

Join together weekly with others to celebrate God’s healing power in our lives. Visit PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery.