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Ideas that changed history ...

- Heliocentricity (Nicolaus Copernicus, 1473-1543)
- Relativity (Albert Einstein, 1879-1955)
- Quantum Mechanics (Planck, Bohr, Schrodinger, et al, early 20th)
- The Message of the Cross (Paul, et al, early 1st)

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

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- The cross = pain, persecution, enemies
 - “persecuted for the cross of Christ” (letter to churches in Galatia)
 - “many live as enemies of the cross of Christ (letter to churches in Philippi)
 - “endured the cross, scorning its shame” (letter to Hebrew Christians)
- The cross = reconciliation, peace, freedom
 - “reconcile them to God through the cross” (letter to churches in Ephesus)
 - “making peace through his blood, shed on the cross” (letter to churches in Colossae)
 - “canceled the charge against us, nailing it to the cross” (letter to Colossae)

The cross changes everything

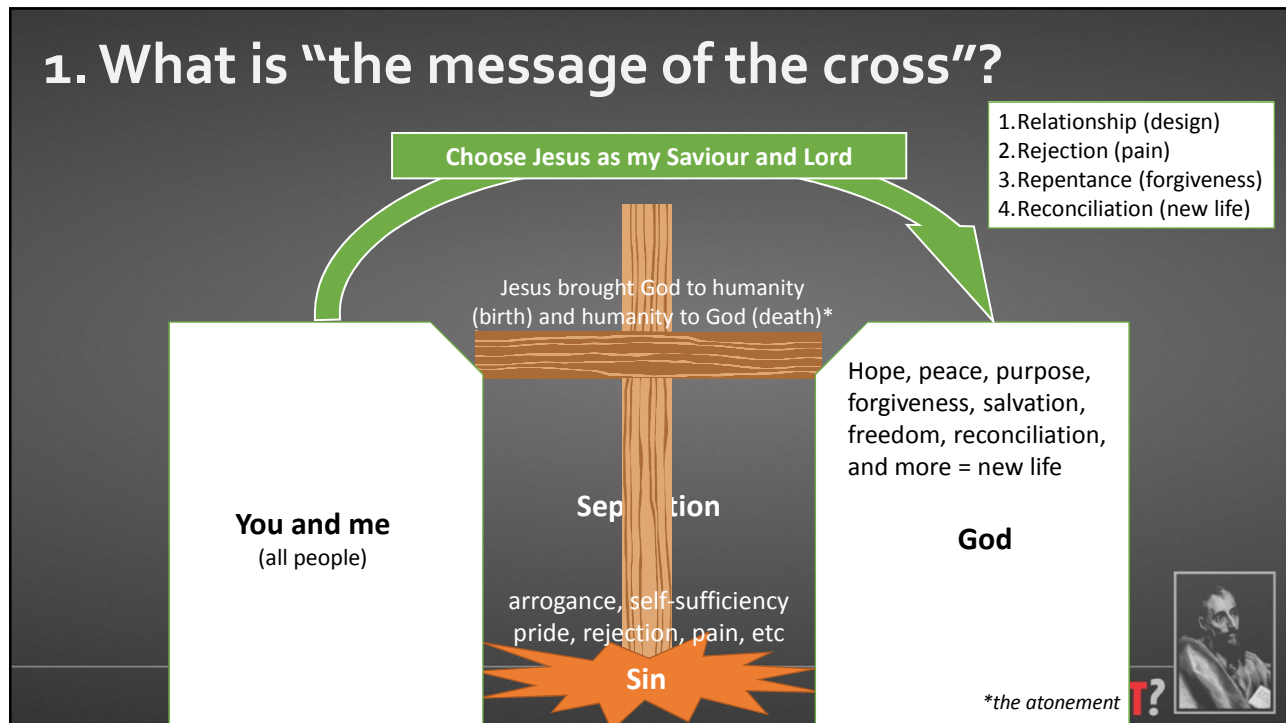


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2. Why is it either “foolishness” or “power”?

I mocked runners ...
... until I ran.



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3. What difference does it make?

Scientists change astronomy, physics, and math.

Jesus changes reality and eternity.

How will you respond to the message of the cross?



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