

Sermon Title: Centerpiece
Sermon Series: Who We Are 101
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
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Jesus Christ and the finished work He did for us on the cross is our centerpiece.

Total Depravity - the human nature is corrupt and all humans are sinful as a result of the Fall, as described in Genesis 3.

Romans 3:23 ESV

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

John 3:16 ESV

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 10:9 ESV

9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Ephesians 2:8–9 ESV

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Justification - being made right in the eyes of God.

Sanctification - the ongoing supernatural work of God to rescue justified sinners from the disease of sin and to conform them to the image of Jesus, while empowering them to do good works.

The Gospel - the message & good news of what Jesus did at the cross—is the source for both our justification & our sanctification.

1 Corinthians 1:10 ESV

10 I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

1 Corinthians 1:18 ESV

18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:1–5 ESV

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.

Because true power & hope for life is in the cross, lay yourself down.

1. Essentials vs. Non-Essentials

In Essentials ... Unity.

In Non-Essentials ... Liberty.

In All Things ... Charity.

1 Corinthians 2:2 ESV

2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

2. Know nothing except Jesus.

Paul says: “I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.”

Know nothing except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.