

## Part One: “God is Not Angry With Me”

1 Corinthians 1:18

1 Corinthians 2:1-2

### INTRO

Within the message of the cross, we find the power of God for those of us **being saved**

The message of the cross is also a constant path that must be understood in order to find salvation of my soul

- My mind... my will... my emotions

Scriptural mandates which seem impossible to attain to:

- Matthew 5:48
- 1 Peter 1:15-16

My biggest problem is ME!

- Romans 7:14-24... the war in the FLESH

Then there is the problem of the DEVIL

- 1 Peter 5:8
- Luke 22:31

Another problem is the PULL OF THIS WORLD

- 1 John 2:15-17

Many struggle with feelings of:

- Condemnation
- Failure
- Despair
- Unacceptance

BUT, you CAN have the VICTORY!

- 1 Corinthians 1:18
- 1 Corinthians 2:2

In the message of the cross we find the POWER OF GOD!

### 1. The Message of the Cross is \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 3:24-25

Hebrews 2:17

1 John 2:1-2

1 John 4:10

Propitiation = to appease someone’s anger with a gift or sacrifice

- Romans 1:18
- Romans 5:9
- Ephesians 5:6
- 1 Thessalonians 1:
- Revelation 19:15

God is holy and SIN arouses His wrath... sin, NOT you

Nothing WE can offer or contribute can compensate for sin or turn away His wrath

God is LOVE... but God is also HOLY

- Revelation 4:8

We must not dismiss sin by JUSTIFYING our own actions in our minds

- “I was hurt in church”
- “They are all hypocrites”
- “All they talk about is money”
- “They aren’t friendly”
- “I don’t agree with organized religion”
- “Church people hate/are prejudiced against...”
- “Church people are too judgmental”
- “I’m not being fed”
- “God doesn’t love me”

## **Wrap-Up...**

The Message of the Cross is:

1. God’s wrath has been satisfied!
2. God is not angry with you!

**Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)** — “So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.”