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**THE POWER OF THE CROSS – COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**1 Corinthians 1:18**

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*John 19:16-19 Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.*

*1 Corinthians 1:18 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.*

**1. THE AGONY OF THE CROSS.**

- Jesus experienced physical agony.
- Jesus experienced emotional agony.
- Jesus experienced spiritual agony.

**2. THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE CROSS.**

*John 19:30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

Our debt has been paid!

*Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**3. THE AFFIRMATION OF THE CROSS.**

The cross shouts out two eternal truths!

- God hates sin.
- God loves sinners.