

A WEEKLY WORD

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Readings for the week of February 1st, 2026

- Micah 6:1-8
- Psalm 15
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- Matthew 5:1-12

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God

If you talk to a non believer about the birth and crucifixion of Jesus Christ, they will probably think you are foolish to believe in such things. They will celebrate all the Christian festivals in a secular way, Santa for Christmas instead of Jesus; The Easter Bunny at Easter instead of the Resurrection. They will gladly take the day off on Good Friday without any recognition of the reason for the holiday. Jesus' life, death and Resurrection is foolishness to them.

To those of us who are believers, it is our reason for being. John 3.16 says "*For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, so that all who believe in Him would not perish, but have eternal life*". It is the Power of the Cross, the redemption of our sins, our hope for eternal life and the assurance of the love of the Father in heaven.

If we don't accept the power of the Cross, we have no hope. Death is the end. There will still be a judgement, even for non believers, and it will be too late to change our minds.

We believers must do everything we can, with God's help, to bring as many as we can to Christ, We want our families to share in the glory of eternity, if they don't accept Jesus, they have no hope. As we grow older and face our own mortality, we must do what we can to spread the Gospel and take up the mission of salvation!