

THE DEPTH AND THE RICHES

EPHESIANS 3:14-21

THE CROSS IS THE CENTER OF THE GOSPEL

**“For the message of the cross is foolishness to
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“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a
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put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the
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pains of death, because it was not possible that He
should be held by it.” Acts 2:22-24**

THE CROSS REFLECTS

THE WISDOM AND
KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

WHY?

THE PURPOSE
OF GOD

THE LOVE AND
MERCY OF GOD

THE REASON

- “But God who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved). And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:4-6)

THE REASON

- “For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:6-8)

THINGS THAT COME THROUGH GOD'S LOVE

- **REMISSION OF SINS:** (Matthew 26:28; Acts 2:38).
- **REDEMPTION:** Ephesians 1:7; I Peter 1:18,19
- **RECONCILED BACK TO GOD:** Romans 5:10; Ephesians 2:14-18