

# ENEMIES OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST

(Phil. 3:17-21)

## I. Cross of Christ Should be Preached.

A. 1 Cor. 1:18-29; 1Cor. 2:1-8

B. What did the cross mean?

1. A symbol of God's love and redemptive power for sinners. (Gen. 3:15; Rev. 5:9)
2. To Simon of Cyrene- a burden to bear. (Matt. 27:32)
3. To the Romans- an instruments of death for Christ.
4. To the Jews- a way to get rid of Jesus. (Matt. 27:22,23)
5. To the later Jews- a stumbling block. (1 Cor. 1:22,23)
6. To the Greeks- foolishness. (1 Cor. 1:23)
7. To all- a removal of the first (old ) covenant. (Col.2: 14-17; Eph. 2:14-18; Col. 1:19-20)
8. To all who are called - Christ the power of God & the Wisdom of God. ( 1 Cor. 1:22-24)
9. The cross provided (and does provide) personal benefits. (John 3:16; Heb. 2:9; Titus 2:14; Rom. 5:8; 1 John 4:10; Matt. 26:28)

C. What does the cross of Christ mean to you?

## II. ENEMIES OF THE CROSS! (Adversaries; those who oppose; opponents; foes; antagonists)

A. Judas Iscariot - betrayed Jesus. (Mt. 26:14-16; Luke 22:3)

B. Jews that condemned him to die. (Mt. 27:20-22)

C. TODAY:

1. Every false teacher. (Jer. 5:2, 31; 6:13-17; 28:9; 1 John 4:1; Matt. 15:9; 7:15-16; Titus 1:9-11; Psa. 119:104, 128; 2 Tim. 4:2; Acts 8:4, 5, 12, 35; Rom. 10:8; Gal. 1:6-8)
2. To those who foster division - within the Church and denominationalism without. (1 Cor. 1:10; Rom. 16:17-18)
3. Men who are only morally good. (Titus 3:5)
4. Ungodly members of Christ' body. (1 John 2:15-17; Jas. 1:27; Jas. 4:4,; Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 5:19-21; Heb. 12:14)
5. Unfaithful members of Christ' body. (1 Cor. 4:2; Rev. 2:10; Luke 16:10)
  - A. In assembling. (Heb. 10:25)
  - B. In observing the Lord's Supper, laying-by-in-store, praying, singing, teaching, etc.
6. Indifferent (lukewarm) Church members. (Rev. 3:14-20)
7. Stingy Church members. (1Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:6-7)
  - A. Nehemiah 13:10-11. Levites were working in the fields because the Jews were not giving properly.
  - B. 2 Cor. 8:5, 7, 12
8. Ignorant Men. (2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Pet. 3:15; Judges 2:10)
9. Men who claim to be "neutral". (Exo. 32:26; Matt. 12:30)

## III. WHY WERE THOSE IN THE TEXT ENEMIES OF THE CROSS? (See text Phil. 3:17-21)

Conclusion: Are you an enemy of the cross of Christ? If not, don't ever become one. If you are one, repent and obey Christ today!