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*This 10-week study of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon mines the Wisdom Literature not only for wise principles for living, but also for the wise person these books point to through their drama, poetry, proverb, and song. In her accessible and authentic style, Nancy Guthrie focuses on seeing Jesus in the Old Testament instead of emphasizing works-based moralism. She presents clear commentary and contemporary application of gospel truths, speaking directly to issues such as repentance, submission, happiness, and sexuality. Each weekly lesson includes questions for personal study, a contemporary teaching chapter that emphasizes how the passage fits into the bigger story of redemptive history, a brief section on how the passage uniquely points to what is yet to come at the consummation of Christ's kingdom, and a leader's guide for group discussion. Derek Tidball reviews the state of the message of the cross in evangelical spirituality and theology today. He then revisits the key biblical texts in which the cross is anticipated in the Old Testament, experienced in the Gospels, and explained and applied in the Epistles and Revelation. In this exposition of 1 Corinthians, D. A. Carson presents a comprehensive view of what the death of Christ means in preaching and ministering to God's people. He explains the key biblical principles for dynamic, cross-centered ministry and how to put the cross at the center of Christian life. In our time the cross is often more a source of controversy than a sign of peace. While aware of differing points of view, Alexandra Brown shows that Paul's proclamation of the cross was an inclusive and empowering word of liberation, peace, and reconciliation. In 1 Corinthians Paul strikes at the heart of schism in the church. Against the barriers of ego and ideology that divided believers in Corinth, he proclaims a liberating message. This book explores the way the word of the cross in 1 Corinthians invades the perception of its hearers, liberating them from the old world with its enslaving system of convictions and ushering them into the new creation revealed by the cross. The Wisdom and Power of the Cross is the fifth and final entry in Richard Viladesau's well-regarded series on the theology of the cross, from the historical crucifixion of Jesus to the present day. Continuing his analysis of theological history through cultural contexts, this volume correlates theoretical approaches with artistic representations, showing the relation of theoretical to imaginative approaches. The Wisdom and Power of the Cross examines modern and contemporary thought and images, which look at the cross in the light of modern historical and scriptural studies, science, and the novelties of modern and post-modern art and music. Viladesau here considers how the passion of Christ has been thought about by theologians and portrayed by artists in the modern world. Contemporary art and music reveal the lasting power of traditional*

images of the passion, as well as new possibilities for expression. *The Wisdom and Power of the Cross* surveys both traditional approaches to soteriology and revisionist theologies that take up the challenge of the meaning of the cross today, in light of critical historical studies and modern science, providing new understandings of traditional concepts like "original sin" and "redemption". Through his in-depth exploration of the interweaving of aesthetic and conceptual theology, Viladesau once more deepens our understanding of the foremost symbol of Christianity and its role in salvation history. Beyond an internal transformation or mere "moment of salvation," how does Christian faith envision the good life? This question demands not only a Christian view of how individuals should live, but of how social institutions are best arranged for human flourishing. In the advanced modern world, our common public life is mainly lived out in the domains of work and commerce, so a Christian view of economic life is essential to a modern Christian view of human flourishing. In this volume, established evangelical scholars in theology, biblical studies, and history explore their disciplines in connection with economic wisdom to yield insights about what it means to live wholly, fruitfully, and well. Faithful and provocative, these essays uncover fresh ground on topics ranging from poverty to work ethic to capitalism/socialism to slavery to non-profit entities to the medieval indulgence industry. This work provides the first systematic discussion of the Bodhisattva path and its importance for constructive Christian theology. *Crucified Wisdom* examines specific Buddhist traditions, texts, and practices not as phenomena whose existence requires an apologetic justification but as wells of tested wisdom that invite theological insight. With the increasing participation of Christians in Buddhist practice, many are seeking a deeper understanding of the way the teachings of the two traditions might interface. Christ and the Bodhisattva are often compared superficially in Buddhist-Christian discussion. This text combines a rich exposition of the Bodhisattva path, using Śāntideva's classic work the *Bodhicaryāvatāra* and subsequent Tibetan commentators, with detailed reflection on its implications for Christian faith and practice. Author S. Mark Heim lays out root tensions constituted by basic Buddhist teachings on the one hand, and Christian teachings on the other, and the ways in which the Bodhisattva or Christ embody and resolve the resulting paradoxes in their respective traditions. An important contribution to the field of comparative theology in general and to the area of Buddhist-Christian studies in particular, *Crucified Wisdom* proposes that Christian theology can take direct instruction from Mahāyāna Buddhism in two respects: deepening its understanding of our creaturely nature through no-self insights, and revising its vision of divine immanence in dialogue with teachings of emptiness. Heim argues that Christians may affirm the importance of novelty in history, the enduring significance of human persons, and the Trinitarian reality of God, even as they learn to value less familiar, nondual dimensions of Christ's incarnation, human redemption, and the divine life. *Crucified Wisdom* focuses on questions of reconciliation and atonement in Christian theology and explores the varying interpretations of the crucifixion of Jesus in Buddhist-Christian discussion. The Bodhisattva path is central for major contemporary Buddhist voices such as the Dalai Lama and Thích Nhất Hạnh, who figure prominently as conversation partners in the text. This work will be of particular value for those interested in "dual belonging" in connection to these traditions. Regardless of their sometimes ambiguous concepts of God, the Roman Stoic philosophers did acknowledge Him, but on the basis of reason alone, because they had not met Christ. Nonetheless, they did deduce from God's existence our need to live lives of virtue, honor, tranquility, and self-control--and they developed effective techniques to help us achieve this. Musonius Rufus the teacher, Epictetus the slave, Seneca the adviser to emperors, and Marcus Aurelius, the emperor himself, produced a practical technology we can use to integrate Christian ethics into our own daily practice. As Kevin Vost so wonderfully illustrates in his new book, *The Porch and the Cross*, the Stoics can help us learn--and remember--what is up to us, and what is up to God alone. This is the first book in the author's series on Christian maturity. This study takes a Christian perspective on the entire Bible, rather than simply the New Testament. David Wenkel asks: Why did Jesus have to be beaten before his death on the cross? Christian theology has largely focused on Jesus' death but

has given relatively little attention to his sufferings. Wenkel's answer contextualizes Jesus' crucifixion sufferings as informed by the language of Proverbs. He explains that Jesus' sufferings demonstrate the wisdom of God's plan to provide a substitute for foolish sinners. Jesus was beaten as a fool - even though he was no fool, in order to fulfill God's loving plan of salvation. This analysis is then placed within the larger storyline of the whole bible - from the Garden of Eden to the story of Israel and beyond. *God's Plan for the Ages* is a book of reasoned theology of the Christian faith, written largely without theological language, exploring God's plan and purpose for the world and for the ages, including the whole reason, purpose and wisdom of the cross of Christ. The apostle Paul speaks of treasures of wisdom and knowledge that can greatly enrich our spiritual life. This explores the whole purpose of this world, written from the heart of a mature Christian who was just compelled to share his riches with those with whom he shares a common destiny. The book draws on all that this one has gathered over the years from theology, experience, life and revelation. It also fully utilises our God given faculty of reason and logic, which sometimes gets a bad press, but is an integral part of who and what we are as a man or woman, made in God's image. The book comes in three distinct parts. The first part is a reasoned and logical examination of ourselves, and the God that made us in his own image. It explores the very nature of God and his purpose in making man at all. It then addresses the very difficult question, often asked by all men, of why God should create a world with such a potential for evil, as we observe, and it offers an explanation of how such a thing can be reconciled with the nature of a loving God. God's ultimate objectives of it all are explored. These answers may not resolve the detail of every circumstance, but they are higher level answers that the author personally declares to have completely satisfied him, and have become a solid foundation of faith that in everything we see in this world, God knows exactly what he is doing, and he has done it in a way that only infinite wisdom could have devised. Central to this theme are the events of the cross of Christ. Again the apostle Paul gives the game away as he points to the cross as the central event of this age, and all the ages to come. He explicitly tells us that understanding the cross is mature spiritual wisdom, and he reveals his all-consuming desire to go deeper into the truth of it as the very central quest of his life. The book therefore seeks to get to the root of this obsession, based on the premise that if we are not equally as obsessed with it, then we are missing something important. The second part of the book explores God in another way; from revelation, rather than from logic and reason. God in himself is a manifold, manifold being, as can be seen in both the trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and in the seven-fold spirit of God revealed in the book of Revelation. This multi-manifold revelation of God is explored creatively to reveal something of how all that man is in his complexities of life and relationships can also be seen in God, in whose image he is made. The final part of the book is more pragmatic as it relates all of this revelation and understanding to our experience on the ground as we grow in faith towards spiritual maturity. In all of this the heavenly perspective of our experience is offered, whilst it explores the realities of life on the ground. Using many illustrations and stories of real events, the author is often open and candid about himself and the challenges life can bring on both a natural and spiritual level. The result is that the book is not milk, but strong meat, as the author intended, designed with a view to pushing on those who have already reached a certain level of maturity to yet higher levels of understanding that should profoundly enrich their spiritual life in this epic pre-*age to the ages of ages to come*, that God has planned for us beyond this world. The cross is the both worlds' most contemptible instrument of punishment and the symbol of humanity's greatest hope. In turning this tool of torture into his followers' proudest boast, Jesus produced the most dramatic reversal the world has ever experienced. Worn around our necks, hung in our homes, carried in procession and set on mountaintops, the cross speaks to what we believe about Jesus and about how we understand our lives in relationship to him. This study plumbs the depths of Scripture for the horrible and glorious significance of the world's most beloved symbol. Ideal for Lent and Easter seasons. An inductive Bible study on 1 Corinthians on the theme of Paul's claim that the Cross is the wisdom and power of God. Written for the Melanesian context, the studies are

in both English and PNG Tok Pisin. The studies explore the context of the church at Corinth in Paul's day, primarily from 1 Corinthians 1, and the contextual and cultural issues that Paul faced in preaching the gospel leading to his assertion of Christ's crucifixion being the wisdom of God. Then the events of Good Friday, Easter Saturday (Sabbath) and Resurrection Sunday are explored with particular reference to 1 Corinthians 15, explaining Paul's assertion that within Jesus' death and resurrection are the power of God. Throughout the studies contextual issues of relevance to Melanesians are raised. The studies are based around a series of Bible readings and questions with some teaching provided to expand on relevant issues being discussed. The book is designed as a resource primarily for the church in Papua New Guinea though the studies in English are suitable for any English speakers particularly from an animistic background. The gospel message concerning the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus is simple enough that a child can understand and be saved. Behind the simplicity of the gospel is a wealth of wonderful knowledge regarding who God is and what He has accomplished for mankind through the substitutionary death of His Son. The cross is God's righteous solution to the problem of sin, as well as His greatest display of love toward sinners. Law and grace, life and death, as well as time and eternity all intersect at the cross; displaying a divine wisdom that staggers the imagination and leads the humble heart to bow in thankful adoration. To understand the cross of Christ is to understand the heart of God toward a fallen world He wants to save. The cross of Christ "is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1:18). Why Do You Wear A Cross? Why is the universal symbol of Christianity the method of Jesus execution? Is this morbid fascination with crucifixion Biblical? Is the death of Jesus to be the dominant theme of Christianity? What is the reason for the irrational contempt and hatred for the Cross in today's culture? In *Understanding the Mystery of the Cross*, author Mike Beecham explains why only crucifixion could redeem humanity no other death would do. Some of the topics addressed in this book: How man was separated from God and reconciled to God at a tree. The similarities between Adam's fall and Jesus crucifixion. How God used the blueprint of man's fall in the Garden of Eden as a pattern to follow to provide man's redemption at the Cross of Christ. How this ancient event impacts our life today. Join the author on a journey to discover not only what happened to Jesus on that cross, but what happened to you! Written to help Bible teachers better interpret and apply the message of Scripture, this 18-volume collection of commentaries on the entirety of the New Testament is a well-rounded and multipurpose resource for anyone who loves to read and study God's Word. A collection of *Preaching the Word* commentaries. *The Wisdom of the Cross* by Fr Anthony C. Mbanefo, MSP, is a refreshing reflection of the power of the Cross. The author's generous use of Sacred Scripture gives a perspective from before and after. Fr Mbanefo stresses the liberation of the Cross and how it is shared in our baptism and in the moment of our redemption. Like his other works, Fr. Mbanefo challenges the reader to use the Cross as a benchmark for our own commitment to discipleship. Ultimately, *The Wisdom of the Cross* leads to the love that God has for each of us. + Most Reverend Gregory J Hartmayer, OFM. Conv. Bishop of Savannah, GA This book is an invitation for all Christian believers to confront the challenges of life with profound faith and docility to God's will. God's love for mankind is made visible in the suffering and death of Christ. Fr Mbanefo demonstrates how the passion and death of Christ makes the day to day sufferings of our human condition full of meaning and purpose. I recommend this book to all those who believing in Christ as their hope want to discover from him, the strength that will aid them in confronting the difficulties of life. + Most Reverend Kevin J. Boland, Bishop Emeritus of Savannah GA From 21 to 24 September 2021, the IV International Theological Congress of the Passionists took place in Rome, at the Pontifical Lateran University on the theme: *The Wisdom of the Cross in a Pluralistic World*". It took place in the context of the Jubilee Celebrations for the Third Centenary of the Foundation of the Passionist Congregation and aims to deepen the topicality of the Cross in the context of the many contemporary areopagi. During the four days, more than 100 speakers, scholars and specialists from many academic and cultural circles with an

international reach, from Roman universities as well as from many nations of the various continents, took turns. The rich scientific, cultural and spiritual experience of the Congress is collected in three volumes (over 1,100 pages), the first of which has also been translated from Italian into four languages (English, French, Spanish and Portuguese). A question has challenged the human conscience for two thousand years: "How are we to explain the presence of Jesus Christ in this world?" Or who, indeed, was Jesus Christ? A man like the rest of men? Or was he a divine Person? Why was it that well-practiced soldiers who failed to fulfill their commission to arrest him said: "Never man spoke like this man?" The early church confirmed the apostles' declaration that Jesus Christ was the eternal Son of God and that he came into the world to fulfill a messianic-redemptive assignment. "Christ Jesus," the apostle to the Gentiles explained, "came into the world to save sinners." In *The Cross: Its Meaning and Message in a Postmodern World*, Douglas Vickers sees the cross as the watershed of history. The divine objectives that the cross addressed bear vitally on the human condition, vitiated as that is by the entailment of sin. In an age in which postmodernist claims have rejected absolute criteria of truth and validity, the Christ of the cross provides the only refuge for those burdened by the search for meaning. The Cross explores the way of reconciliation between God and man. It affirms the apostolic claim that "In [Christ] are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." "The book you are about to read is destined to be a classic. Many books have been written in a devotional way about the cross of Christ, but this one is very different! Dr. Douglas Vickers has treated this wonderful and very necessary doctrine with depth and has given us much to hold dear. Few studies in print today bring out the essence and meaning of the cross and its message in our postmodern world. Vickers clearly presents the biblical view of the cross, and when it is necessary to dissent from alternative views he remains faithful to the Bible and the Reformed faith. It is refreshing to see quoted such great men of God who studied the cross in depth, as John Murray and some of the great Continental theologians of earlier times. I have appreciated the clarity, consistency, and mature thinking of this fine theologian. As always in Vickers' writing, the apologetic system of Cornelius Van Til comes shining through." -A. E. LaValley Senior Pastor, West Springfield Covenant Community Church Douglas Vickers (PhD, University of London) is Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of Massachusetts. Among his recent titles are *Christian Confession and the Crackling Thorn*, *When God Converts a Sinner*, and *The Immediacy of God*. We know that Jesus' death on the cross is a historic fact, but does it have any true meaning and value to us today? Legendary Bible teacher Derek Prince explains that the cross not only provides forgiveness from sin—it also makes everything else work in our lives. The cross continues to be the ultimate demonstration of God's love and the source of ongoing supernatural grace for us. It is also the basis of healings and miracles today and the foundation of Satan's total defeat. It is even the door to God's secret wisdom as it allows us access the mind and heart of our heavenly Father. By recognizing to the centrality of the cross, personally applying it our lives, we enter into the totality of God's power and provision for us. The cross: not just a historical event but forgiveness, victory, abundance. Today. Few recent Christian thinkers have been as widely influential as John Howard Yoder (1927-1997). Encompassing a teaching career of more than thirty years and such landmark publications as 'The Politics of Jesus', Yoder's life and thought have profoundly impacted students and colleagues from a broad range of disciplines. In the words of Stanley Hauerwas, Yoder is probably the major theologian/ethicists of this half-century in America and certainly the leading Mennonite theologian of the twentieth century. 'The Wisdom of the Cross' is the only book to provide valuable secondary essays engaging Yoder's central theological concerns, together with a biographical reflection on his life and legacy. Written by scholars both from within and outside of Yoder's Mennonite community, these essays develop the most significant aspects of Yoder's thought - from his powerful defense of Christian pacifism to his seminal analysis of the politics of Jesus to his challenging contributions to Christian social ethics, ecclesiology, and theological method. The book also includes a previously unpublished essay on moral absolutes by Yoder himself. A fitting tribute to Yoder's distinguished career, this

volume will be useful to readers new to Yoder's work and to those wishing to probe more deeply into the implications of his thought. "I could never myself believe in God, if it were not for the cross. . . . In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who was immune to it?" With compelling honesty John Stott confronts readers with the centrality of the cross in God's redemption of our pain-filled world. Can we see triumph in tragedy, victory in shame? Why should an object of Roman distaste and Jewish disgust be the emblem of our worship and the axiom of our faith? And what does it mean for us today? From one of the foremost preachers and Christian leaders of his generation, *The Cross of Christ* is a classic, accessible, and compelling look at the work of Christ. At the cross Stott finds the majesty and love of God disclosed, the sin and bondage of the world exposed. More than a study of the atonement, this book brings Scripture into living dialogue with Christian theology and contemporary issues. What emerges is a pattern for Christian life and worship, hope and mission. In honor of John Stott's one hundredth birthday, this centennial edition includes an updated foreword by Alister McGrath and a new timeline of Stott's life. A study guide equips individuals and groups to more deeply reflect on and apply the book's message. For several months, prior to publication, some people were asking that we should write this book and that it be entitled, "The Message Of The Cross". • I believed then and now that their request was from the Lord. Consequently, this book is the result of that need. • This Message, "The Message Of The Cross" is the single most important Message of the Word in any language. The Salvation of the soul and how we live for God is important beyond comprehension. • I feel every Believer will be greatly strengthened in the Word if they will avail themselves of this publication. How will I get through this? Will I ever feel God's love again? Have you hit a roadblock in your relationship with the Lord? Prayer, once filled with insight and consolation, now feels like you are talking into a void. Events in your life that you could have walked away from at one time now settle in the pit of your stomach like dead weight. When all roads seem impassable where do you turn? John of the Cross offers you his wise counsel as a roadmap through rough terrain. He beckons you to follow your ascent to God through darkness. It has never been easy to preach about the cross and resurrection of Jesus, but difficulties today are particularly challenging. Hearers ask tough questions of the church and the Christian faith, and they are not satisfied by formulaic answers. People are often suspicious of doctrine and are attracted to a broad but vague or pluralistic spirituality rather than the classical claims of Christianity. In this climate, preachers often see preaching on the central events of the Christian story, the crucifixion and resurrection, as more of a problem than a possibility, more of a burden than a joy. They wonder not only how to preach the "old, old story" of cross and resurrection but whether they should preach these themes at all. This book addresses these concerns and shows preachers how to preach the cross and resurrection in fresh, culturally relevant ways that deepen Christian discipleship. Each chapter shows the relevance of preaching the cross for addressing a particular congregational concern. What has ironically become a stumbling block in the pulpit, the stone that preachers often reject--preaching on the cross and resurrection of Jesus--can serve as the cornerstone for building up the congregation for discipleship in our world. "Even though Good Friday and Easter are among Christianity's holiest days, many preachers secretly approach them with dread. They can seem like rooms in an old, darkened house filled with the faith's most vexing problems and controversies: debates over atonement theories, dignity-denying views of sacrifice, misunderstandings of bodily resurrection, and more. In this fine book, Joni Sancken pulls back the drapes and opens up all the windows, filling the house with light and air. She faces all of the challenges of preaching on the cross and resurrection of Jesus with generosity, theological wisdom, and practical insight. Preachers who read this book will not only be informed; they will find themselves renewed and eager to proclaim the Good Friday/Easter gospel." --Thomas G. Long, Bandy Professor of Preaching, Emeritus, Candler School of Theology "Homiletician Joni Sancken ushers preachers to the heart of the gospel beating at the foot of the cross and outside the empty tomb of the resurrection. This is a straightforward, courageous guide that will help readers no longer stumble over the cross or stutter when speaking of the

resurrection. Rather, it will position one to stand firmly on the solid rock to proclaim Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. I'm so glad I stumbled across this book!" --Luke A. Powery, Dean of Duke Chapel, Associate Professor of Homiletics, Duke University ""Dr. Joni Sancken has written a marvelous book that preachers of the gospel need to read. Stumbling Over the Cross considers cross and resurrection as indispensable lenses for preaching practice today. In startling ways, Sancken also takes the cross into interreligious contexts where its particularity becomes a means for respectful and differentiated engagement with 'others.' Preachers will find engaging ways of naming cross and resurrection in a pluralistic age." --David Schnasa Jacobsen, Boston University School of Theology ""Joni Sancken leads preachers through theological terrain with clarity, insight, and wisdom, reviewing some of the most recent scholarly literature on Christology, identifying the resistance some preachers have to preaching the resurrection, and pointing to fresh opportunities that await preachers if they do." --Paul Scott Wilson, Professor of Homiletics, Emmanuel College, Toronto

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one's way of thinking. For two millenia, theology has often turned to these passages in order to sustain its reflection. Many central questions emerge from Paul's text on the meaning of a crucified Messiah, on God's omnipotence, weakness, and suffering. This volume hopes to achieve two things by seeking to place exegetes, historians, philosophers, and theologians in conversation: to better understand Paul's text and its reception and also to examine the ways in which it can nourish our theological reflection today. *The Cross Barre, MA The Ten Commandments on earth, John Harty Sr. God's Wisdom* For the past two thousand years, the cross has been a powerful symbol of the Christian faith and an anchor of its symbol system. In this volume, a group of distinguished scholars delves into the theologies and spiritualities of the cross at select moments in the tradition. They examine biblical texts and commentaries, lectionaries, liturgical poetry, sermons, and theological spiritual treatises in: Paul, the early liturgy, Origen, Augustine and Bonaventure. Each chapter provides a window into how particular contexts influenced the interpretation of the cross and how the cross functioned in each unique historical moment. Originally presented at Saint Mary's College, these papers offer a fresh and distinctive approach to the literature on the cross. The authors' historical perspective points to the tradition as a transforming agent for theology and spirituality today. Contributors: - Elizabeth A. Dreyer - Jerome Murphy-O'Connor - Nathan D. Mitchell - Peter J. Gorday - John Cavadini Here is a book that will interest liturgists and Christian educators, university and seminary students and members of religious orders. Although scholarly in tone, can be read with profit by adult educated Christians as well. + Please see the description for this title below. But first... Our promise: All of our works are complete and unabridged. As with all our titles, we have endeavoured to bring you modern editions of classic works. This work is not a scan, but is a completely digitized and updated version of the original. Unlike, many other publishers of classic works, our publications are easy to read. You won't find illegible, faded, poor quality photocopies here. Neither will you find poorly done OCR versions of those faded scans either with illegible "words" that contain all kinds of strange characters like ◆, %, &, etc. Our publications have all been looked over and corrected by the human eye. We can't promise perfection, but we're sure gonna try! Our goal is to bring you high quality Christian publications at rock bottom prices. Description: "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this World? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching (that is, by the simplicity of a proclamation) to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: but we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, but Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God." --1 Corinthians 1:17-24 The cross of Christ crucified symbolized the central theme of Paul's ministry. In his letter to the Corinthians, the apostle commenced his correspondence with the message about the cross and power of God (1 Cor 1:18, NRSV). The proposal for this paper utilizes the method *analogia scripturae*. Set within the wisdom motif of the Greco-Roman world, this study is dedicated to the examination of the apostle's Christology in the context of 1 Cor 1:18-25 and the pneumatology in 1 Cor 2:9-16 as both pericopes are juxtaposed in his epistle. Essentially, the thesis concerns the grounding of the pneumatology of Paul with his Christology in 1 Corinthians. The Corinthian church required clarification and pastoral wisdom with their pneumatic experiences; thus, Paul recognized that a strong theology of the cross complemented their encounters with the Spirit. The question for biblical studies involves a lively tension of the pneumatology of the Spirit with a robust Christology. Because the power of God throughout this passage has the cross as its paradigm, the structure of the book leads to the significance of the apostle's pneumatological contribution of the cross and Christ crucified (1 Cor 1:18; 2:2). For this reason, a strong Christology must ground the pneumatology of the Pauline



corpus. This study in biblical literature commences a new discussion in ecumenical dialogue between pneumatic experiences in the church and christological issues in Scripture. To help celebrate the fourth centenary of the birth of St. John of the Cross in 1542, Edith Stein received the task of preparing a study of his writings. She uses her skill as a philosopher to enter into an illuminating reflection on the difference between the two symbols of cross and night. Pointing out how entering the night is synonymous with carrying the cross, she provides a condensed presentation of John's thought on the active and passive nights, as discussed in *The Ascent of Mount Carmel* and *The Dark Night*. All of this leads Edith to speak of the glory of resurrection that the soul shares, through a unitive contemplation described chiefly in *The Living Flame of Love*. In the summer of 1942, the Nazis without warrant took Edith away. The nuns found the manuscript of this profound study lying open in her room.

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