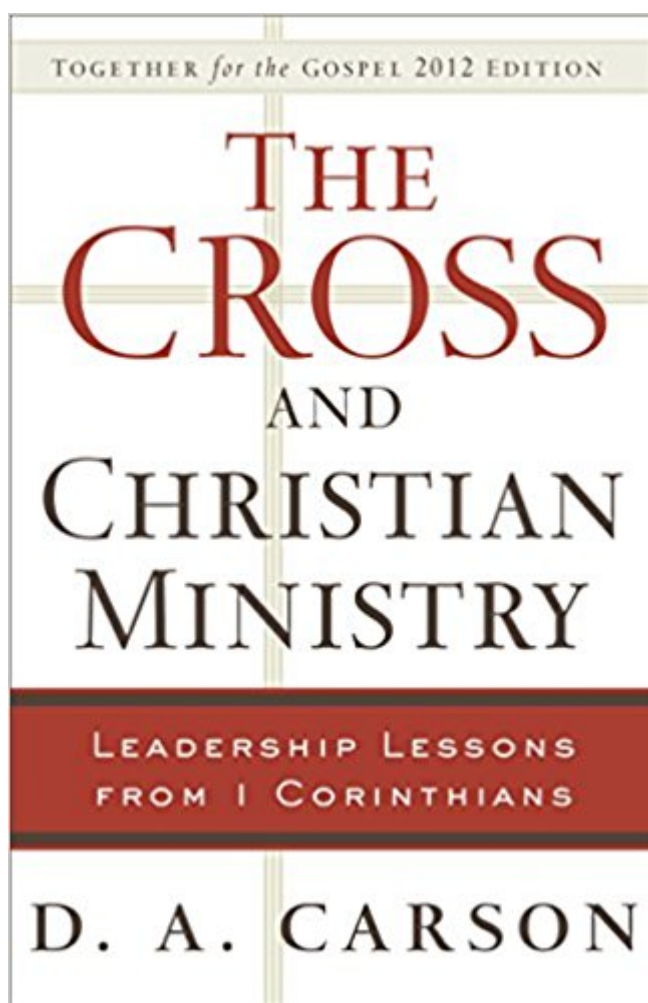




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First published by Baker Books in 1993, *The Cross and Christian Ministry* presents a comprehensive view of what the death of Christ means in preaching and pastoring God's people. It sets forth workable principles for dynamic, cross-centered leadership. Now available in paperback.

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Is the cross truly the center of your ministry? Today we commonly see images of the cross adorning churches, dangling from necklaces, and gleaming from lapels. Yet the image that is so sanitized for us today was grotesque and abhorrent to those living in the first century. It was a symbol of evil, torture, and shame. It is this realistic and horrifying view of the cross that should call us to Christian ministry and compel us to share the Good News of Christ's triumph over death. Through his 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 confronts the issues of factionalism, servant-leadership, shaping "world" Christians, and the source of knowledge in order to help Christian leaders learn principles for dynamic, cross-centered worship. D. A. Carson (Ph.D., University of Cambridge) is research professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. He is the author or editor of over forty books, including *The King James Version Debate*; *How Long, O Lord?*; *A Call to Spiritual Reformation*; and *Justification and Variegated Nomism*.

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The cross of Christ takes center stage in history. The event resets and re-aligns all realities to this moment in history, after which everything will be judged, conformed, related, or referenced to Christ Crucified. Ordained before the beginning of time, revealed as the suffering servant and worshiped as the Lamb that was slain.

I have really seen a change in my own thinking and perspectives while reading this book which has convicted me on a number of levels according to my intent to serve in ministry. Carson does a great job laboring to show the deep impact of the cross in our ministry as well as lives. It is our bedrock, foundation, and hope.

All good

All ministry leaders must read this. Also, any church members who want to elect a good ministry leader should read this to be able to discern who are the true leaders whom God entrusted His people for His purpose.

The Cross and Christian Ministry was very clear and hermeneutically sound. It points to the heart of the issue facing both the church today as well as throughout history. What should be the focus of the church? He shows very clearly the answer (the cross of Jesus Christ) and how it should play out, in word and deed.

D. A. Carson - you really do not need to say more. If you are interested in preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, this is an excellent study of 1Cor 1-4. It is certainly not as in-depth as the NICNT volume by Gordon Fee (another must-have), but Carson's focus is on the necessity of preaching the Cross, not a general commentary on 1Cor. I use this as a text for teaching ministers the importance of preaching the Cross in a day of "political correctness."

Carson does an excellent job of expounding the Scripture and only drawing applications that are in the scope of the biblical teaching. If you, like me, want to know what 1 Corinthians says about

Christian ministry and leadership, this book will be a 5-star for you.

A clear and convicting exposition of key passages in First Corinthians. The cross and Christ are central which makes this book extremely edifying and challenging.

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