

# Short & Sweet: Crosswords by Mary Kane



Nourishment and  
refreshment for your  
soul.

*18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

*1 Corinthians 1:18*

I love words. When I was a child I would repeat multi-syllabic (now that's a good word) rhyming words over and over; fascinated by the way they rolled off my tongue. Long words, archaic words, unusual words, foreign phrases, and word origins are very intriguing to me. Because I love words, I also love crossword puzzles. For years, the only reason we subscribed to the Sunday edition of the newspaper was so I could get the crossword puzzle. **Crosswords ... cross words.**

Cross words.

The **cross** is full of **words** also.

love ... sacrifice ... joy ... pain ... forgiveness ... hope ...

restoration ... redemption ... blood ... healing ... purpose

life ... grace ... peace.

**Cross words** are powerful words; foolishness to the world, but salvation to those of us who love **cross words**.

**Action Points:**

1. What **cross word** is most meaningful to you?
2. Pray your **cross word** into your life today.
3. Listen for God to speak your **cross word** to you through music, other people, radio messages, billboards, etc.

Life is sweet!

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