

First Baptist Church of Progress Village
Wednesday Bible Study
1 Corinthians Chapter 1 Pt 2
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1 Corinthians 1:1 (KJV) Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

A. Called to be identified with purpose.

1 Corinthians 1:2, 8 (KJV) Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

B. Call to be sanctified with holiness.

1 Corinthians 1:10 (KJV) Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

C. Call to be unified with agreement.

I. Glorify God in His Wisdom

1 Corinthians 1:14-16 (KJV) I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name. And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.

1 Corinthians 1:17a (KJV) 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.

A. We glorify God in the preaching of the gospel. Evangelize is to announce good news.

B. Core Components of the Gospel:

- **The Goal:** Heaven as a free gift for eternity that is not deserved and cannot be earned by good works.
- **The Problem:** All people have sinned and are separated from God, and cannot save themselves.
- **The Solution:** Jesus Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day.
- **The Result:** Jesus paid the penalty, those who believe are forgiven, and receive the gift of eternal life.
- **The Response:** To repent of sin and place faith in Jesus Christ alone as Savior and Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:17b (KJV) 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.

C. Without Jesus' crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection the gospel would have no power.

1 Corinthians 1:18 (KJV) For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

D. Calvary makes no sense to people on their way to Hell. It is just foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:19 (KJV) For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

Isaiah 29:13-14 (NASB) Then the Lord said, "Because this people draw near with their words And honor Me with their lip service, But they remove their hearts far from Me, And their reverence for Me

consists of tradition learned by rote, Therefore behold, I will once again deal marvelously with this people, wondrously marvelous; And the wisdom of their wise men will perish, And the discernment of their discerning men will be concealed."

E. God has intentionally made an **example** of people who **think** they know it all.

1 Corinthians 1:20-21 (KJV) Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom 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 to save them that believe.

F. God's wisdom **confuses** the wisest humans.

- For we walk by faith, not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7)
- Vengeance is mine, I will repay (Romans 12:19)
- Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19-21)
- Let the wise live out his knowledge with humility (James 3:13)
- The cross itself!

1 Corinthians 1:22-23 (KJV) 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;

G. Jews **stumble** at the cross because it was not what they **expected**.

H. Greeks **ridicule** the cross because its too **simple**.

1 Corinthians 1:24 (KJV) But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

I. We **believe** the cross and experience the **power** through it.

1 Corinthians 1:25-26 (KJV) Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

J. God uses people counter-intuitive to our **logic** to demonstrate His **omniscience** and **authority**, and **power**.

1 Corinthians 1:27-29 (KJV) But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence.

K. We can take **no credit** for what we know, because we only know what God has revealed and allowed us to.

1 Corinthians 1:30-31 (KJV) But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

L. To God be **ALL** the glory **ALWAYS**!

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