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THE CROSS-CENTERED LIFE  
Devoted to What the World Despises  
(1 Corinthians 1:18-31)

INTRODUCTION:

THE CONTEXT: A \_\_\_\_\_ . (1:10-16)

“Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment. <sup>11</sup> For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe’s people, that there are quarrels among you.”

—1 Corinthians 1:10-11

THE CURE: A \_\_\_\_\_ . (1:1-9, 17)

... ON \_\_\_\_\_ AND HIS \_\_\_\_\_ .

“I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge, <sup>6</sup> even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you, <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

—1 Corinthians 1:4-9

“For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be made void.”

—1 Corinthians 1:17

- The \_\_\_\_\_ Truth: Only \_\_\_\_\_ can be \_\_\_\_\_ .
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Truth: When Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ will soon follow.

“Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he?  
Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?”

—1 Corinthians 1:13

1A. CONSIDER THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_,  
AND... \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 18-25)

- EVEN THOUGH OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_ IT.
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- FOR IT IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD AND THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD.

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

*‘I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE,  
AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE.’*

*Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but **we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.**”*

2A. CONSIDER YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ IN \_\_\_\_\_,  
AND... **BE HUMBLD.** (v. 26-31)

- FOR THIS IS GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_ AND IT IS \_\_\_\_\_ !

*“For **consider your calling, brethren,** that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, **so that no man may boast before God.** But **by His doing you are in Christ Jesus,** who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, “LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD.”*

*—1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

**CONCLUSION: THE BELIEVER’S PROPER BOAST.**

*“But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”*

*—Galatians 6:14*

