

# I CORINTHIANS 1 "THE FOOLISHNESS OF GOD Pt. 1" | LESSON 22 | 1 Cor. 1:17-31

## ② INTRO / REVIEW

### ① Breakdown

:10 - instruction of Et

- speak the same thing
- perfectly joined together
  - same mind
  - same judgment

:11-12 - reproof (Pro. 1:23, 25, 30, 5:12, 6:23, 10:17, 12:1, 13:18, 15:5, 31-32, 17:10)

- Paul's knowledge per the house of Chloe of their contentions
- They are saying they are "of" one

① regards a man

② on the basis not which God does, but by the standard of the wisdom of the world

:13-17a - correction

- Paul's personal correction by gratitude that he wasn't sent to baptize

:13 - Christ not divided

① Crucified

- Rom. 5: one man (provision)

② Baptized in the name of Christ - identification in Christ (application)

Crispus  
Gaius  
House of Stephanas

:14 - Paul baptized, why?

- purification or cleansing unto sanctification resulting in a new

identification.

- Paul's provoking ministry

:14 - Paul thankful he did not baptize

(:15) ① Accused of having people identify with him

① sinners

② washed

↳ (baptized in the name of Christ)

:17 - Paul not sent to baptize, but to preach the gospel

- Paul not baptizing to be identified with him

• The gospel of Christ is what identifies one today.

### PREVIEW:

• Continued R, C, IR of the Corinthian Conventions based upon their judgments from the wisdom of the world.

### Outline

• :17 - Reproof

• :18-29 - Correction

• :30-31 - Instruction in Righteousness

} concerning ungodly thinking of the wisdom of words specifically & the wisdom of the world in general

### SERMON:

[ :17 ] "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be of none effect"

• "wisdom of words"

• wisdom of God & wisdom of the world

• wisdom that comes from words, or the word's (possessive) wisdom

• Acts 17:16-21

:18 - philosophers

:19 - doctrine

} :21 - "some new thing"

• We don't preach the cross with other philosophies

• They don't mix

• Rom. 11:6 - grace & works

• Rom. 9:32 - faith & works (Rom. 3)

• Rom. 12:2 - world & the renewing of the world [they don't mix]

• Col. 2:1-3, 8-10 - complete in Him

• Tim. 6:20-21 - sciences cause you to err

• Because they don't mix, the "wisdom of words" makes the cross of Christ of none effect

• Thinking "the cross of Christ" is made of none effect with "wisdom of words" must not be very effectual if "the wisdom of words" can make it of none effect

• Yet, that statement is saying the opposite. The preaching of the gospel does not need wisdom of the world, it is in and of itself effectual

• It is exclusive, stand alone, doesn't need any help

• Only two forms of wisdom: God & the world

• They are opposite of each other

• Distinctly defined

• Wisdom of the World vs Wisdom of God (JAMES 3:13-18; 4:1-3)

① earthly - limited, cannot know what it doesn't know

• bound

• cannot know anything outside itself

① above

② pure

③ peaceable, gentle, easy to be intreated

② sensual - predicated on the lusts & desires & affections

③ devilish - source, from darkness, father the devil

• Gen. 3

④ full of mercy & good fruits

• w/o partiality

• w/o hypocrisy

• None Effect:

• Ps 33:10

• Mat. 15:6 - disannul

• Mark 7:13

Rom. 4:14 - void

2 Cor. 9:3 - vain

1 Cor. 9:15 - void

Php. 2:7 - no reputation

• You either stand upon the wisdom of God alone or if w/ the wisdom of words the it makes the wisdom of God of no reputation because it stands alone.

• Any philosophy that has truth you have in the word of God and where they are wrong you don't need it anyway

<sup>connection</sup>  
[18] "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God"

- Why Paul was sent to preach the gospel without the wisdom of words
- :18 answers it (declarative statement)

• the preaching is foolishness to them that perish (Mark 10:6 = lost sheep)  
 • lost, destroy, should die (John 8:14)

→ preaching of the cross  
 "but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

- Not foolishness to us, but power
- Your operating upon foolishness when you mix it.

Implication: The world doesn't mix it, why do you?

Implication: To shew His power

• Power is foolish to the world, what does that say about the world.

• Why would He intentionally use something foolish to the world to save?

- ① His character (humble, man is not)
- ② His judgment (way He humbles)  
 ↳ destroy man's wisdom

• Rom. 1:16, 16:25

- power to save
- power of the saved

[ :19 ] - "For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.'"

- "For it is written" - ISA. 29:14

- Assyria is coming, the Babylon
- traditions, ungodliness of Israel