

WHAT IS YOUR FAITH BUILT ON?

The church today is trying to argue with all our wisdom the case for Salvation, we will never be able to cause people to be saved by our wisdom or our power and we shouldn't. It is by the power of God not of our abilities.

1 Cor 1:18-25 NLT

The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. As the Scriptures say, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent." So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom. So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense. But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.

- a. We need to learn from Paul, we can't build our faith on man's wisdom or man's understanding.
- b. We must build our faith on the power of God and our trust in his word.
- c. You can't do what the world thinks is right because it isn't Gods way.
- d. Salvation in Jesus only isn't how the world thinks it should happen, but it is Gods way.

II. We must build our faith on the word of God not on mans word. There is no eternal power in our wisdom if it is built on temporary things. If you want your wisdom to last it must be from the eternal God.

Rom 10:17 NLT

“So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.”

- a. When you build your faith on Gods word then you can know that what you are believing in will be true
- b. You must not build your faith on things in this world but in the eternal God.

III. We don't come with enticing words to draw men away without wisdom but in the demonstration of the power of God.

1 Cor 2:4-7 NLT

“And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God. Yet when I am among mature believers, I do speak with words of wisdom, but not the kind of wisdom that belongs to this world or to the rulers of this world, who are soon forgotten.”