## The Center of the Christian Message

An Exposition of 1 Corinthians 1-2 (Part 14)

The Gospel and the Ministry of the Apostle Paul (Part 5)

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- I. The Gospel Revealed in the Design of God (1:18-25)
- II. The Gospel Revealed in the Composition of the Church (1:26-31)
- III. The Gospel Revealed in the Ministry of the Apostle Paul (2:1-5)
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  - B. Dependency: The Character of the Messenger (2:3-4)
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    - 2. Trusted Divine Efficiency (2:4)
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  - C. Genuine Salvation: The Catalyst (2:5)
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