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[CONNECTION] Good morning, Cornerstone! It is good to be with you this morning. Thank you for joining us today. If this is your first time worshiping with us, I want to invite you to fill out our connection card. It just lets us get to know you a little more and be able to connect with you more. If Cornerstone is home for you, you can use our app to check in and let us know you are here. There you can also fill out a prayer request so we can be praying for you throughout the week.

[TITLE] We are going to be continuing our sermon series called 'Church in Crisis' where we are studying the book of 1 Corinthians. The Church was in trouble because they have been allowing the culture around them influence the way that they follow Jesus. Paul is writing this letter to help them re-align themselves with the principles and values in the gospel. In every issue Paul addresses, he always will point back to the gospel.

This letter has a lot to teach us especially in our world today. Our culture attempts to infiltrate and alter the way we follow Christ. Many churches will allow the world to dictate what is okay and not okay according to the world's standards of morality. From this letter we can learn how we are the body of Christ, set a part because of the work of Christ. It is in his truth, that we find in scripture that we are able to align ourselves with Christ and remain obedient to him.

Today our scripture is going to be found in 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. If you have your bibles go ahead and turn there, if you would like to follow along with us. If you do not have a paper bible and would like one, we have some available for you in the back. You can also follow along with us today on the app with the scripture and our sermon notes available to you there.

But before we dive in the teaching today, lets read a part of our passage this morning together which comes from the book of 1 Corinthians 1:27-29. So, let us stand as you are able, out of reverence for God's word as we proclaim the truth in Scripture.

[1] SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 1:27-29

"But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,"

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

INTRO

[2] Last week we started off talking about verse 10 to 17. Paul addresses divisions that were created in the church. Paul reminded them of the community that is created in the gospel. There is unity and peace in the gospel and the divisions or factions challenge the peace that they should have. We discussed that there are certain divisions that should be drawn when it comes to essential truths and theological issues. When theological issue come up there is a right and a wrong way to handle things. When we understand what are the things that are important, we will know the things that aren't. Through this understanding we can pursue unity in the gospel with Jesus as our Lord.

This week we are going to be looking at the next section of chapter 1 where Paul explains not only the root of where this division came from but how the gospel has already overcome these issues. With this new life in Christ, we are to live set apart from the world. By doing this we can know God's wisdom and power.

This power that is in the good news of Christ, is the reason Paul ended the last section saying that his main responsibility is to preach it to anyone willing to listen. He was to preach it because it is powerful and it did not need his skill in communication or any capacity of human wisdom. As he says in verse 17 to do so would be to empty the cross of its power.

Paul throughout this letter, and our passage today, he carries this theme of how much the gospel is in contrast to the world that the church is living in. He does this because this church has let the culture dictate how they followed Christ. This is not a good thing because as I said before they are called through the gospel to live set apart from the rest of the world. In this first chapter Paul is addressing the biggest issue in that they let human wisdom distort the values and principles of their calling in the gospel.

So lets dive into our passage this morning to see how Paul addresses this issue with the church and then we can see how the truth in it, applies to us today.

BODY

[3] 1 Corinthians 1:18

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

Paul is starting off with a huge contrast here. He is comparing the idea of the death of Jesus to the wisdom of the world. According to the standards and wisdom of the world, the cross, the truth they have changed their entire lives for, according to the world it is foolishness of in the text Paul refers to it as folly.

Paul though does not create the separation based on belief. It is not believers and unbelievers. Paul says those who are perishing and those who are saved. This reference really shows how different they are from the rest of the world. Everyone else around them is facing eternal punishment, even though they are not¹. The separation is created by the results of their belief not the belief itself.

This perspective really paints a picture not only of the significance of the gospel, but of the urgency of our need to share the gospel with others. It helps us to see what is at stake when it comes to belief in Christ. It is a matter of life and death. Even though this is important, this perspective of the gospel being foolishness to those that are in the world, it prepares believers for what they will face when they evangelize to people.

This idea of the gospel being folly, Paul will expand on, but let's look at what he means for the people in Corinth. Where the city would have been extremely diverse in cultures and people living or staying there, most of the people were, Jews, Greeks and Romans. Just with these three people groups according to their idea of wisdom they could not make sense of the gospel.

For the Roman, the cross was a humiliating form of execution. It was used mostly for insurrectionist, or those that created a violent uprising against Rome. It was designed to humiliate and demonstrate the power and ferocity of the Roman empire. To them it would not make sense for God to somehow accomplish anything through this humiliation.

¹ Matthew 7:13-14

To the Greek, they believed that the gods operated above the limitations of people. Therefore, someone that was God, or for them one of the gods, they would not have allowed themselves to be treated the way that Jesus was. It would have been beneath them and simply would have not degraded themselves to be treated so poorly by the people they were gods over.

For the Jew, for someone to die by hanging from a tree it was an extremely shameful way to die. It was a horrific punishment to end life that way. They would even go as far as to say in Deuteronomy 21:23, that it was a curse from God to die in such a way. So, the Messiah that they believed to be coming, to be the salvation of the world, would never come under the curse of God to be so shamefully killed.

From their perspectives and according to their understanding of deities or wisdom, the way Jesus died in the accounts they would have heard, it would have made no sense to them. It would be foolish for someone to be treated and die in the way Christ did and still actually be God. So, they could not understand it.

However, Paul says to those that are not perishing, those who are saved, those that believe, it is not foolishness, but it is a demonstration of the power of God. In this contrast of those saved and those perishing it is reinforcing this picture Paul is painting of how far separated they are from the rest of the world, just by their belief in Christ. He isn't talking about their conduct yet, just their faith in Christ. What appears as foolishness to everyone else is the way of salvation.

This message of the gospel, Christ crucified, Paul says it is the power of God. The power that he is referring to is the same that he pointed out in verse 17. The power of the gospel is the power that is demonstrated, in the way that it completely changes who we are down to our very core. It is again not about conduct just yet. He will address that in other chapters. This is the change that takes us from being condemned before God, to being redeemed in his sight. The power that changes us from those who are perishing to those who are being saved. The power Paul believe to be his calling to share, completely apart from eloquent words. Paul, being the well-educated Old Testament scholar that he is, defends his position and point by quoting the Old Testament prophet Isaiah.

[4] 1 Corinthians 1:19

"For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'"

This quote comes from Isaiah 28:14. We also see this same or similar statement in other passages too², but Paul quotes from Isaiah. This wisdom being turned into folly is again a demonstration of Gods power.

[5] Looking at the Hebrew words that are found in Isaiah, the word that the prophet uses for wisdom is the word 'hak-ma(h)' it refers to the technical skill of knowledge, experience and shrewdness. It is in reference to human based or human defined wisdom. This wisdom God is going to destroy, make perish, be lost or go astray³. God through his power will turn wisdom into ignorance.

[6] Isaiah also says that God will thwart the discernment of the discerning. This word that is used for discernment is 'bi-na(h)' referring to understanding, cleverness, or skill. Again through his power he is going to hide their discernment, turning it into secret things⁴. Humanity will be lost because their

² Jer. 8:9; Job 5:12-13; Matt. 11:25

³ Hebrew word 'bd'

⁴ Hebrew word 'str'

discernment will serve them no good under the power of God. It will be hidden and will not be found in his presence. There again is this contrast, divine wisdom, and human wisdom, are not the same. They do not even come close. In the presence of divine wisdom, human wisdom is destroyed.

[7] 1 Corinthians 1:20

“Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?”

Paul, just like in the last passage is using rhetorical questions to prove his point. The answers to these should be obvious and the answer does not even need to be said. In these questions Paul is pointing out the depravity of the types of people that their world and their culture would normally hold in high regard.

One who is wise, would be referring to the Greek philosophers. Their culture would have seen these men as the elite, the ones to strive to be like. They were well educated and elevated thinkers in reference to everyone else that was beneath their high understanding of the world.

The scribe would be in reference to the Jewish culture. They would have been experts in the law. They would have known it inside and out. Even though they would have been extremely knowledgeable of the same God that the Christians worship, their rejection of Christ would have made their knowledge, practice, and understanding of the law obsolete. It will also be destroyed, because of Christ that turned their wisdom into ignorance.

Finally is the debater, this would have been someone in the Greco-Roman world that was skilled or trained in rhetoric or public speaking. They would have the words to say and ability to respond to any agreement presented against them. The people would have regarded them as all-knowing and their confidence in their beliefs would have been something to be envied. Again, all of it is pointless and lost because of Christ and the message of the gospel.

This is because, Paul states, they are of this age. They are tied and bound to the world that they are currently living in. They are not a part of the age to come, the age of the kingdom of God. There is no way for them to know the things of God, because they have not been born into his kingdom. This is very similar to the conversation we talked about a couple weeks ago between Jesus and Nicodemus. In order to understand what God is going to do and be a part of the kingdom of God, one has to be born from above, or born again.

Something that Paul is going to point out here in a moment is that God has passed over these wise people. He has hidden his plans from them, in order to deliver it to those that are not viewed highly. Jesus talked about this as God hiding his plans from the wise to deliver it to children⁵. The ones that no one expects will have greater understanding, of the world and the one after, than those that others would normally look to for that understanding.

‘Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?’ Paul asks this question because they have had experiences, or they would have seen this to be true in their own lives and experiences. This is the overthrow of human wisdom in 18 and the counter of the wisdom of the world in verse 19. God has turned the tables on human wisdom and turned it into its exact opposite, which is foolishness.

⁵ Matthew 11:25

[8] 1 Corinthians 1:21

“For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.”

This is a culture that prides itself on philosophy and wisdom, but the people hearing this letter did not find God on their own. Paul says, ‘the folly that we preach’ he is saying that you would not have known God unless we have come and preached to you the message that the world thinks is foolishness. Because Paul came and preached to them the good news, now there are no long of those that are perishing, they are the ones being saved. They would not have found salvation on their own.

[9] 1 Corinthians 1:22-23

“For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,”

The Jews would have seen signs and miraculous deeds as a sign of authority. It would have created a legitimacy. The things this person was doing, and the words that they would have been teaching were from God himself⁶. The irony is that Jesus did these things and they still rejected him. They did not believe his words to be true, even with signs and wonders, and now after many of his prophecies have come true, they still do not believe he is the Christ. To the ones who believe they say they are foolish.

The Greeks again are renowned for their love of new ideas⁷ (don’t tell Socrates who was killed for his new ideas). They as a culture were founders of philosophy and worshiped gods of wisdom like Athena. Yet they did not find salvation through Christ without Paul coming and preaching the gospel to them.

Paul states that he preaches that Christ died for the sins of the world. It was through his sacrifice, that the world rejects and does not understand, that salvation came to them and changed them to be different than the rest of the world.

This message is a stumbling block for the Jews. Meaning the shameful death of the crucifixion does not fit their idea of what the Messiah was supposed to do or be. It causes them to stumble and not accept Jesus as Lord.

It is foolishness to the Greek, because to them it was unthinkable for a god to subject himself to something like what Jesus went through. They do not see it for the wisdom and truth that it is. Again, Paul points out the contrast...

[10] 1 Corinthians 1:24

“but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

Those who are saved, wither they were Jew or Greek they see Jesus for what he is, the power and the wisdom of God. How can Jesus, dying on the cross, making a sacrifice for others, be both power and wisdom?

⁶ Mark 8:11-12; John 2:18-20

⁷ Acts 17:20-21

Jesus' death shows God's power to save man from sin and death. His power to redeem something that was in an irredeemable situation, something like the situation in the city of Corinth. They were in a state towards eternity that they could not achieve redemption on their own, but the power shown through Christ, redeemed the irredeemable.

Jesus' crucifixion also challenges the nature of the crucifixion by Rome. To crucify someone was a demonstration of power. It was a display to show the world, 'this is what happens to those that oppose Rome'. God uses this symbol for the opposite purpose. The cross is not a demonstration of 'this is what happens when you mess with me'. The cross is used by God to say, 'I did this for you, believe in me and what has been done and I will save you.' It turn even the Roman symbol of crucifixion to foolishness.

There was a further demonstration of power in Christ resurrection. Paul later says in this letter that if it were not for the resurrection of Christ, then having faith in him is pointless, because without his resurrection, we are still lost in our sin⁸. Christ resurrection is at the center of the Christian faith, and everything Christians do is under the reign of God's power. Paul intended for the Corinthian church, to view the resurrection of Christ as a reminder of their need to depend on God and focus on Jesus.

If the Corinthian believers depend on their own intellect, abilities and cultural norms, they won't understand what God is doing among them.

If they like their culture, seek after wisdom, they are to go to the source of wisdom which is Christ. Jesus can be described as the wisdom of God because His death and resurrection uniquely express God's mysterious plan of salvation⁹. Paul's description of Jesus as the wisdom of God also recalls the Old Testament concept of personified wisdom, or wisdom being depicted as a person. Wisdom then being God's agent of creation.

[11] Proverbs 8:22-24

*"The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.*

²³ *Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.*

²⁴ *When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water."*

John 1:1 says that it was through 'the Word' that the world was formed, everything was created through him. Later John says that 'the Word' is Christ¹⁰. Jesus Christ is the personified wisdom of God and should be seen by these people as such. God wisdom, is so far above the wisdom of humanity, that Paul says...

[12] 1 Corinthians 1:25

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

The absolute lowest of wisdom and power that God has to offer, his foolishness and his weakness, are still so far above the wisdom and strength that humanity can muster. In this part Paul has clearly defined the lines between what the world has to offer, and the things God is giving to the church, because of Christ. There should be no question in the mind of the believer which is the better option. As well as

⁸ 1 Corinthians 15:17

⁹ Isaiah 53:1

¹⁰ John1:14

there should be no desire left within the believer, to entertain the gathering of what the world offers as wisdom. It is because they know better. This is where Paul points all of this back to God being in control of all things and how this church is called to be used according to his purpose.

[13] 1 Corinthians 1:26

“For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.”

Paul telling them to ‘consider their calling’, is Paul saying remember who you were before God called you into this salvation. Paul does not mean for this to be insulting, but for them to understand God’s purpose in their calling. Many of the people in this church were not well educated, they were not influential, and they were not of nobility or high status in their culture. Paul does not mean for this to be insulting because he refers to them this way in the past tense. They all used to be insignificant uneducated and of zero influence, but now...

They were all chosen with a purpose.

In most 1st century AD Greco-Roman religions, only the people of noble birth or of great wealth, were called for salvation from this world. These people primarily would become rulers and priest of their religious views. Paul reminds this church that God called all people to salvation, not just the highly viewed. The purpose that God has brought them into salvation for, is not exclusive. And their salvation is for the purposes of God. This is the purpose of God...

[14] 1 Corinthians 1:27-29

“But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.”

God purpose for calling to salvation the people, that others deem insignificant, is to demonstrate the power and wisdom of God. These people deemed insignificant by the world’s standards, are being used to destroy the things the world believes are significant.

Paul’s charge to consider your calling is saying look to where you were before, broke and insignificant in your community. However, now in the body of Christ, you have purpose, you have value, and God has chosen you to use you for his will. More importantly Paul is pointing to Christ in this use of what the world deems insignificant. God chose to bring salvation through Christ, who in the flesh, was poor, from an unimportant region, and came in the frailty of Human form. By all accounts of the world Jesus was nothing special. However we as one who are saved know differently.

God does not value people based on status or wealth, but on obedience. All people are given the opportunity and the potential to be saved and have the right to be welcomed at God’s table and be cared for.

God did all of this so that no one can boast about how far they have come in life. God is the only reason that they are in the place that they are now. It was God’s power and wisdom that brought them to this place. Some of the Corinthians may have placed their confidence in their logical skills or even in the gift of the spirit that are being worked through them (Ch. 14). Paul is challenging them to depend on God’s work on the cross, rather than their self-sufficiency or the way that the Holy Spirit is using them.

Absolutely all of the credit for everything that has been done belongs to God and God alone.

[15] 1 Corinthians 1:30-31

“And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,³¹ so that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’”

They were joined to salvation and to each other by the work of Christ and no one else's. For us, he became wisdom, 'hak-ma(h)'. He became the mysterious plan of salvation. The plan that is the stumbling block for the Jew and foolishness to the Greek.

[16] For us he became righteousness, the Greek word 'dikaiosyne', which means justice or justness from God. What we could not achieve on our own, Jesus became for us. That we may be seen as righteous before the father, in spite of our sinfulness.

[17] For us he became sanctification, the Greek word 'hagiasmos', which means the process of making or becoming 'agios' or set apart. Christ has already set them apart in their status for eternity, from condemnation to redemption. Now it is time for them to cooperate with the Holy Spirit to live holy lives¹¹. Through his Spirit, God imparts his desires, his values, and his concerns to believers, so that they share in his likeness.

[18] For us he became redemption, the Greek word 'apolytrosis', which means release from bondage with the payment of a price. Jesus paid the price for our sins, which was death¹². This reminds them of the Old Testament understanding of 'redeemer', the Hebrew word 'go-ale', which was the act of a king to reclaim or rescue from bondage and bring them as one of his own into his kingdom¹³.

[19] Because Jesus did all of these things on our behalf the glory and honor belong to him. Which is why Paul paraphrases the prophet Jeremiah saying, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord'¹⁴. In its original context, the prophet Jeremiah issues several decrees of judgement from God on those who lie, oppress people and commit idolatry. All of these are sins of people who have placed themselves as being wise in their own eyes, and God is going to put them to shame¹⁵.

God's people must not put their trust in their own wisdom, their own abilities or in their own wealth. The only safeguard is to boast in what God has done. It is in his accomplishments that we reap the benefit of salvation. So, if we are to boast we boast in the Lord.

APPLICATION

[20] Now all of this information about this passage is great but how does it apply to us?

Our world has become so emotionally driven. So much so that wisdom is no longer considered universal. Someone that is regarded as wise in our world is someone that will validate any and all emotional experiences, whither or not they are based in reality. Something that is regarded as an absolute truth

¹¹ 1 Thessalonians 4:8

¹² Romans 6:23

¹³ Ruth 2:20; Job 19:25

¹⁴ Jeremiah 9:24

¹⁵ Jeremiah 8:9; 1 Corinthians 1:21

has nothing of merit in comparison to our emotional experiences. Someone that can validate anyone and everyone's experiences without the interjection of truth will be considered wise in our world today.

Think about it, every celebrity, TV personality, new program, or social media influencer, they become uplifted by our culture when they validate someone's story even if it contradicts reality. 'Oh you feel that way, well I want to empower you to live out your true self. You follow 'your truth'.

That phrase always bothers me. The idea that you have your truth and I have my truth. What if your truth and my truth contradict each other, they both cannot be true at the same time. If that is our world today we face the same problem that the church in Corinth did. When we allow the mainstream agenda of the world, infiltrate and distort our path of following Jesus we become the church in crisis and not in Christ.

When we start to read scripture through the lens of the authority of our emotional experiences, then we now have the power over what scripture is allowed to say and not say. If we give ourselves this authority over scripture, we can say things like 'Oh the bible says that I have to deny myself in order to follow God, well that prevents me from living my truth so I'm just going to cross that verse out'. 'Oh the bible says that there are 2 genders and we both have roles, well that makes me feel targeted so were just going to rip that page out.' When we start to read scripture with our own authority, we position ourselves to say, 'there, now Christianity lines up with my worldview and we can now co-exist because you changed to fit my emotional needs'.

When we allow the emotionally fueled agenda of the world, distort and pervert how we should and should not follow Christ, we exchange Jesus for the idol that we wish Jesus Would be. We worship the idea of Jesus because we are more comfortable with that version than the real one. For those that are in Christ we are to take the truth in scripture as a whole, and we are to take the application of that truth as a whole. If God says there are 2 ways to go, the one on the left is harder but you will benefit in the long run, we take that road. The otherside might be more comfortable and might make us feel better but in the end it is destructive. We take both truth and application of it. Because God possesses the authority over his word we do not.

Scripture is the unfolding of the story of God. It is his sovereign power and wisdom that is to be an ever-present reality on every page. From creation to revelation, it is God's story of redemption for mankind, not just you. This book does not center around us, it centers on Christ and his work.

[21] Alistair Begg says, "Jesus is the gospel, the good news. The entire Bible is about Him. In the Old Testament, He is predicted. In the gospels, He is revealed. In Acts, he is preached. In the epistles, He is explained. In Revelation, He is expected."

Wisdom is found in Christ. In this story of redemption he showed God's wisdom, we didn't. In this story of salvation, He demonstrated God's power at the cross, we didn't.

[22] From the world's perspective, the bible cannot be accepted as a whole, because well there are parts and passages that give us a negative emotional experience. It doesn't always make us feel good. That should be complete and utter foolishness to us that are in Christ, because we should know that scripture is not about us. Yet, that continues to be a problem in our churches doesn't it.

I am going to be bold when I say this, but scripture does not take into account how you feel, because how you feel does not stop scripture from being true. It was meant to go against the desires of men. It is sharper than any double edge sort separating soul and spirit, joint and marrow; it judges thoughts and attitudes of the heart¹⁶. God says that his thoughts are not our thoughts and his ways are not our ways¹⁷. Just because there are things in it that are stumbling blocks for you or it seems foolish, does not mean we can abandon the parts we don't like, ignore the parts that are not fun and create our own truth for the rest.

Because we are supposed to be the ones that are set apart. The ones that see scripture for what it is, as the word of God. Taking all of it and applying it to our lives because the God that designed us, made us and saved us knows the better way to live than we do. The agenda of the emotionally fueled world should have nothing to do with our perspective on that. If it does, then what makes you different than the Jew that sees Jesus as a stumbling block, or the Greek that thinks Christ crucifixion is foolishness?

Let me add a caveat here, feelings are valid to the human experience. We should talk about them and address them. This is not me telling you to live without emotion, or that the only way to live as a Christian is as a psychopath. That not what I am saying. Even God has emotions, but our feelings are at best, unreliable. They will change based on the season of life we are in and the circumstances around us. The heart of men is deceitful above all things, who can understand it¹⁸. Because of this our emotions should not be a factor in determining truth.

When we look at scripture and it appears foolish, or we do not like it and our instinct or desire is to reject it not on matters of truth but simply by how we feel about it, then we are no longer looking at scripture from the wisdom and power that it Christ. We are looking at it from the world that seeks for validation in the authority of themselves and their own idea of wisdom and authority of their emotions. According to that perspective the ways of Christ are foolishness, but we who have been saved, know better.

We should be the proponents of the principles and values of the gospel. We should be living in a way that the world asks questions, even if it is in a judgmental way. Because as Isaiah says, for his thoughts are not our thoughts and his ways are not our ways declares the Lord¹⁹. If we are living so close to the way the world operates and they are not looking at you like you are doing something foolish, we should be asking ourselves, 'where is my life not aligned with Christ?'

Remember your calling. According to the world many of us are blips on the radar of our society. Many of us work jobs where if we left, they would replace us in a month or 2, or most would not recognize us walking down the street. But now, in this body of Christ, we are significant, valued and redeemed. Should we forget that? The work of Christ brought us here, gave us the life that we have now. The Holy Spirit is actively working in us to make us more like him, shouldn't we be boasting in all the work God has done. Shouldn't our lives be a testimony of that work. We stand as that testimony, when the line in the sand of our lives, the line between the world and our calling in Christ, is very clear and very well defined.

Don't let your calling, the power and wisdom of God at work in your life, do not let that slip because the world still has influence over you. That is not your calling. Remember Christ came to be the wisdom of

¹⁶ Hebrews 4:12

¹⁷ Isaiah 55:8-9

¹⁸ Jeremiah 17:9

¹⁹ Isaiah 55:8-9

God, our righteousness, our sanctification, and our redemption. Bought and paid for to be set apart into his kingdom.

PRAYER AND REFLECTION

COMMUNION