



1 Corinthians

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1 Corinthians 1:18

"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."

Genesis 3:1-6

*"Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "**Did God really say**, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"*

*The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but **God did say**, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"*

*"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and **you will be like God, knowing good and evil.**"*

*When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also **desirable for gaining wisdom**, she took some and ate it."*

1 Corinthians 1:20-29

*"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. Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that **few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy** when God called you. Instead, **God chose things the world considers foolish** in order to shame those who think they are wise. And **he chose things that are powerless** to shame those who are powerful. **God chose things despised** by the world, **things counted as nothing** at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God."*

1 Corinthians 1:30-31

*“God has **united you with Christ Jesus**. For our benefit **God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin**. Therefore, as the Scriptures say, “If you want to boast, **boast only about the Lord.**”*”

I Corinthians 2:1-5 (NET)

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