

1 Corinthians 04 – 1:18-31

Glorying in the Cross

1. 1:17-18 – The Preaching of the Cross

- a. Corinth is being divided by glorying in men and their abilities: 1 Cor 2:1-5
- b. Apollos was eloquent, mighty, fervent, of reputation – Acts 18:24
- c. Paul was weak – 2 Cor 10:10, but not his message – 2 Cor 13:2-5
- d. The power of God is contained in the preaching of the cross - Rom 1:16
- e. The preaching of the cross was different than the gospel of circumcision – Gal 5:11
- f. The preaching of the cross is not just the death of Jesus: Gal 2:20, Rom 6:6, Eph 2:16

2. 1:19-21 – The World’s Wisdom Destroyed

- a. “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise ...” – Isa 29:14, Jer 8:8-9 (Deut 4:6)
- b. The depth of God’s wisdom! - Rom 11:32-34
- c. The wisdom of the world becomes foolish – Rom 1:17-23, 1Cor 3:18-19, Psa 14:1
- d. Flood, Babel, Egypt, Israel, Miracles, the Cross: The “wise” taken - Job 5:13
- e. The “foolishness” of preaching the cross brings salvation – 2 Tim 1:8

3. 1:22-25 – Christ Crucified to the Jew and Greek

- a. Jews = signs, power, king; Greeks = wisdom, reputation, philosopher
- b. Jews ask for signs - Mat 12:38-39; Greeks seeking wisdom – Acts 17:19-21
- c. Today, the religious seek experiences; the worldly seeks sophistry
- d. Israel stumbling at the stone – Rom 9:32, 9:33

4. 1:26-29 – No Flesh Should Glory

- a. Calling is of the gospel, not feeling or ability: 1Cor 1:2, 9; 2Tim 1:9; 2Thes 2:14
- b. Not many wise, mighty, noble: Prov 11:2, Luke 18:18-25, Matt 11:25-26
- c. Foolish & weak things = the preaching; base & despised = the cross
- d. Commending self is not approved unto God - 2 Cor 10:12, 17, 2Cor 12:8-11
- e. Glory in the flesh is excluded – Rom 3:20, 25-27, 4:2; Eph 2:9, 1 Cor 3:21
- f. Glory in the flesh = wise words, reputation, signs, wealth, status

5. 1:30-31 – Our Glory in Christ

- a. Christ is made unto us all things: 1:30, 2 Cor 5:21
- b. Glory in the cross, not flesh - Gal 6:12-14
- c. Christ in you is the hope of glory – Col 1:25-27
- d. It is written, Glory in the Lord – Jer 9:23-24, Rom 16:27