

Foolishness of Man

(Kevin Vigneault/1 Cor 1:18-25/8.16.15)

Sunday 10:45 Service

Context – The believers in Corinth are allowing the ideas of the culture around them seep into the church and their knowledge of the Gospel. Paul in verse 17 points out that the dependence upon something “greater” than the cross makes the Gospel empty.

- I. The Gospel is defining. (VS. 18)
 - a. To those who are lost it is _____.
 - b. To those who are saved it is the _____.
- II. God’s salvation plan is entirely God’s. (VS. 19-20)
 - a. The wise and clever are put aside.
 - b. Proof of this is found in four rhetorical questions.
 - i. Where is the philosopher?
 - ii. Where is the religious person?
 - iii. Where is the debater/speaker?
 - iv. Hasn’t God made wisdom foolish?
- III. God’s plan is for simple belief to save (21-24)
 - a. Man’s wisdom cannot reach God (21)
 - b. The salvation of those who believe in the message is _____ to God. (21)
 - c. The message falls short of man’s standards (22-23)
 - d. Christ displays the wisdom and power of God to all who are called! (24)
- IV. God is ultimate wisdom and strength; ultimate truth. (25)
 - a. Even if God had foolishness it would still be superior to man’s greatest _____.
 - b. Even if God had weakness it would still be mightier than man’s _____.

When the Gospel message is compared with that which is being forced down our throats, nay when it is compared with our very sinful natural thinking, it seems as though it is foolishness. This is what makes the Gospel so beautiful, for to believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ one must humble oneself and associate with the crucified Christ. This act brings rejection from the world; a minuscule cost to gain acceptance with God almighty.