

God's Wisdom | 1 Cor 1:18-31



This Time Tomorrow

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18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

19 For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

20 Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

22 Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom,
23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,
24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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23 his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God.

- Deuteronomy 21:23

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us--for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"

- Galatians 3:13

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Paul's Theology of The Cross

2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

- 1 Corinthians 2:2

26 Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.
27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

28 God chose the lowly things of this world
and the despised things—and the things that
are not—to nullify the things that are,
29 so that no one may boast before him.
30 It is because of him that you are in Christ
Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from
God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and
redemption.

31 Therefore, as it is written:

“Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

- 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

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16 For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

- 1 Corinthians 9:16

1 Paul, *called to be an apostle* of Christ
Jesus by the will of God, and our
brother Sosthenes,

- 1 Corinthians 1:1

13 *Is Christ divided?* Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul?

- 1 Corinthians 1:13

12 What I mean is this:

One of you says, “I follow Paul”;
another, “I follow Apollos”;
another, “I follow Cephas ”;
still another, “I follow Christ.”

13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul?

5 What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe [...]

7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

- 1 Corinthians 3:5,7

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21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

- 2 Corinthians 4:7

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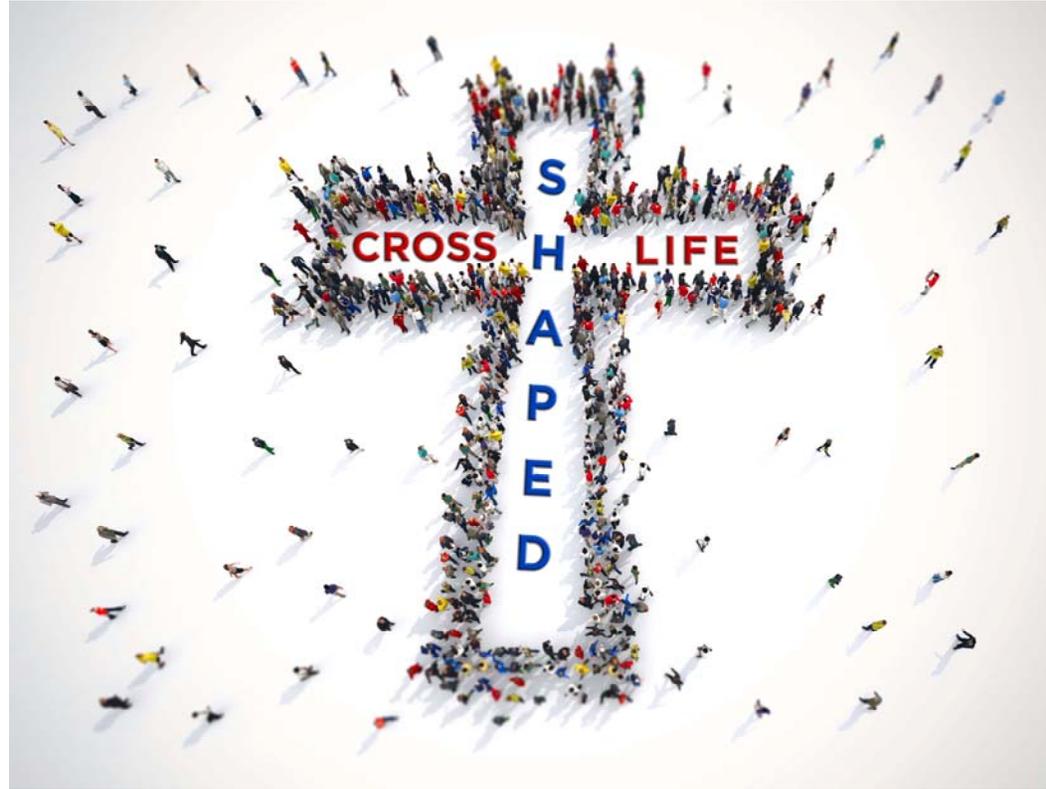
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39 And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”

- Mark 15:39



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