Message Outline



The Wisdom of God

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

I. Introduction

II. The Wisdom of God

1 Corinthians 1:17-18 (CSB)

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel - not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ will not be emptied of its effect. 18 For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but it is the power of God to us who are being saved.

1 Corinthians 1:19 (CSB)

19 For it is written, **I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will set aside the intelligence of the intelligent.**

1 Corinthians 1:20 (CSB)

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the debater of this age? Hasn't God made the world's wisdom foolish?

1 Corinthians 1:21 (CSB)

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

"... You are free to eat from any tree of the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for … you will certainly die." (Genesis 2:16-17, CSB)

“No! You will certainly not die!” (Genesis 3:4a, CSB)

“The woman saw that the tree was good for food and delightful to look at, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it …” (Genesis 3:6, CSB)

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 (CSB)

22 For the Jews ask for signs and the Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles. 24 Yet to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God, 25 because God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

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