

Week of October 6, 2024 - Boast in the Lord | Small Group Lesson 4

Connect

For you are saved by grace through faith,
and this is not from yourselves;
it is God's gift— **Ephesians 2:8**

How and when did you come to understand that you are saved and that your salvation is not from yourself but a gift from God?

Verses - 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (CSB)

26 Brothers and sisters, consider your calling: Not many were wise from a human perspective, not many powerful, not many of noble birth.

27 Instead, God has chosen what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

28 God has chosen what is insignificant and despised in the world—what is viewed as nothing—to bring to nothing what is viewed as something,

29 so that no one may boast in his presence. 30 It is from him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom from God for us—our righteousness, sanctification, and redemption— 31 in order that, as it is written: Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.

Study

1. In last week's reading (vv.18-25) Paul says that the Apostles' preaching is the power and wisdom of God, by which believers are being saved, but to non-believers, this preaching appears to be weak and foolish.
   a. Why does it appear weak and foolish to unbelievers? (v.23)
   b. Why do some people believe it? (v.24, 25)

2. In this week's reading, Paul asks believers in Corinth to look at themselves, pointing out that, from a human perspective, most of them are **NOT** wise, powerful, and noble people. (v.26). Why is this significant? (vv. 27-29)

3. However some of the believers in Corinth **WERE** wise, powerful, and noble. Is this significant and, if so, how?

4. Paul says that it is from God, not worldly wisdom, that believers in Corinth are in Christ Jesus. What does it mean to be **"in Christ Jesus"**? (v 30a)

5. What does Paul mean when he says that Christ Jesus **"became wisdom from God for us"**? (v.30b) and to whom does the pronoun "us" refer?

6. How is Christ "our righteousness, sanctification and redemption" and what do these words mean? (v.30c)

7. How does this fulfill Jeremiah 9:24 which Paul quotes here (v.31)

Share

1. Read through vv.26-29. This is a description of the church members in Corinth. How do yourself compare to them? Comment if you feel led to.

2. Following the activity in the first question above, what specific things come to mind for rejoicing (boasting) in the Lord?

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.