

**GOD HATH MADE FOOLISH
THE WISDOM OF THIS WORLD**

The Wisdom of God

Class 2

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Mankind searches for purpose in life:

- ▶ **Satisfying our desires**
- ▶ **Elevating ourselves; by accomplishment, riches, etc.**

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The Corinthian Ecclesia

Leader 1

Followers

Leader 2
With Jesus Christ as its Lord

Leader 3

Followers

Set apart for God's work

Leader 4...

Followers

Part of Christ's family

DIVISIONS

Made rich by Christ's word

Blameless at Christ's return

CONTENTIONS

In partnership with Christ

The Corinthian Ecclesia

Leader 1

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Leader 4...

Followers

wronged and sued each other

questioned the resurrection

pride and arrogance

turned the Lord's supper into feasting and drinking

DIVISIONS

CONTENTIONS

permitted fornication to continue

used spiritual gifts to glorify themselves

envying, strife, and division

questioned the need for head coverings

1 Corinthians 1

¹² ...I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

- there were competitive leaders, eloquent teachers
- there were competitive followers

1 Corinthians 1

13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

- ▶ **The family of Christ is not divided.**
- ▶ **Christ's mission was the cross; to glorify God**
- ▶ **We have been baptized into Christ's mission.**

Is Christ our Lord?

- Matthew 7:21-23

- ▶ It is not enough to call Jesus our Lord; he must actually be our Lord.
- ▶ If Jesus is our Lord, then we will do the will of God.
- ▶ Many will think that Jesus was their Lord.
- ▶ I was not your Lord; you worked iniquity.
- ▶ You were not glorifying God.

Non-negotiable requirements for servants of Christ:



**We work for
our Lord Jesus
Christ**

**Our mission
is to glorify
God, not
ourselves**

1 Corinthians 1

¹⁷ For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest **the cross** of Christ should be made of none effect.

- **the cross** = the symbol of Christ's submission to God's will

In Corinth, there were some who taught with the wisdom of words:

- ▶ **they gained disciples of their own**
- ▶ **they were popular teachers and their message was popular**
- ▶ **people followed them and had pride in being their followers**
- ▶ **they made the cross of Christ of none effect**

1 Corinthians 1

¹⁸ For the preaching of the cross is **to them that perish** foolishness but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

- **them that perish = unbelievers**

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¹⁹ For it is written, I will destroy **the wisdom of the wise**, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

- the wisdom of man is going to be proven to have been useless

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where *is* the scribe? where
is the disputer of this
world? hath not God made
foolish the wisdom of this
world?

- Now that God has made foolish the wisdom of the world, where is the wise, the scribe and the disputer of this world?

Man's wisdom -

The purpose of life for most of mankind:

- 1. Satisfying our desires**
- 2. Elevating ourselves**
- 3. Death**

God's wisdom -

The purpose of life for a few:

- 1. Choose God's will over our own**
- 2. Glorify God**
- 3. Life**

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21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

For in God's wise plan, people in their wisdom did not come to know God.

Through the preaching of the cross, which people thought was foolishness, people are saved.

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²² For the Jews require a **sign**, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

sign of Jonah,
Matt. 12:39-40

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²³ But we preach Christ crucified, **unto the Jews** a stumblingblock, and **unto the Greeks** foolishness;

the Jews were looking for a Messiah to defeat Rome.

the Greeks wondered how a crucified man was of any use.

1 Corinthians 1

²⁴ But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ **the power of God, and the wisdom of God.**

- ▶ Christ's resurrection showed **the power of God**
- ▶ Christ chose God's will and showed us **the wisdom of God**

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²⁶ For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many **wise** men after the flesh, not many **mighty**, not many **noble**, are called:

wise men - the philosopher, scribe class

mighty - people in authority

noble - well born, high society

1 Corinthians 1

27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world (*what the world thinks is foolish*) to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world (*what the world thinks is weak*) to confound the things which are mighty;

- ▶ God has chosen the simple, like us, to put to shame the wise and powerful.
- ▶ The glory of man is what we are working to get rid of.

1 Corinthians 1

28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

God has chosen things that the world counts as nothing, and He will abolish the things that the world counts as valuable.

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**29 That no flesh should
glory in his presence.**

Daniel 4:30-31

**"Is not this great Babylon,
that I have built for the house
of the kingdom by the might
of my power, and for the
honor of my majesty?"**

**While the word was in the
king's mouth, there fell a
voice from heaven, saying, O
king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee
it is spoken; The kingdom is
departed from thee.**

1 Corinthians 1

³⁰ But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

- ▶ God brought us into Christ
- ▶ He showed us His wisdom in Christ
- ▶ By being in Christ, and choosing God's wisdom we are made righteous.
- ▶ We are made useable for God's purpose by the sacrifice of Christ

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Isaiah 9:23-24

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