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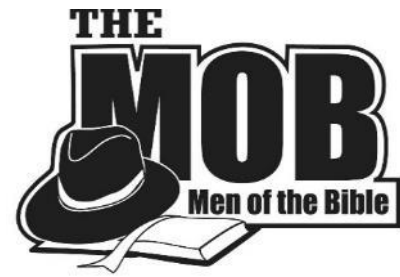
All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

Announcements

- **MOB Website & Resources:** www.ibcmob.net
- Logos Bible Software Training, 28 Sep
- AUGMENT Blog, Publishing Lowell's Notes and other items
- "Expectations for a Great Marriage" conference, 8-9 Nov
- <https://immanuelbible.church/>
 - [\(943\) Croc's Corner – YouTube](#)

Please Rise

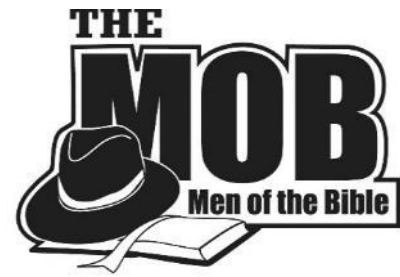


- **Invocation/Prayer**
- **Song:**

When I Survey The Wonderful Cross

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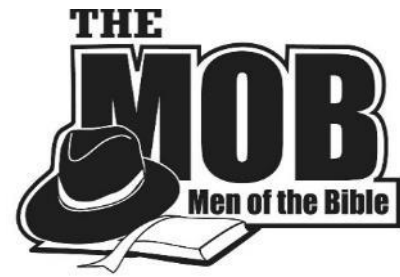
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**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

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Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast

save in the death of Christ, my God!

All the vain things that charm me most,

I sacrifice them through his blood.

When I Survey The Wonderous Cross

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**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

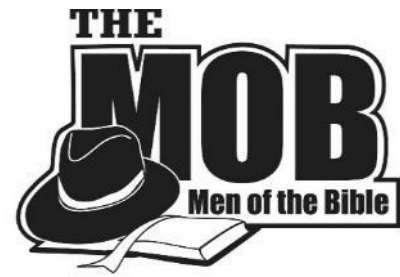
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**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

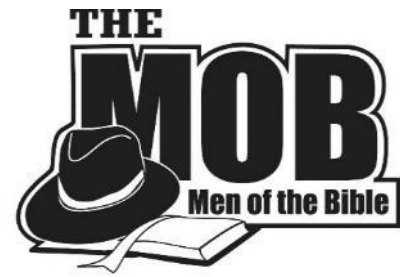


Memory Verse



1 Cor 1:18 (ESV)

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For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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Our 1 Corinthians Study

Last Week

- 1 Cor 1:10-17, Splits and Quarrels in the Church
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 1:17
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp. 25-32; MacArthur, pp. 23-34*
- Refreshment Host: Group C

Tonight

- 1 Cor 1:18-31,
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 1:18
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp. 31-41; MacArthur, pp. 35-54*
- Refreshment Host: Group D

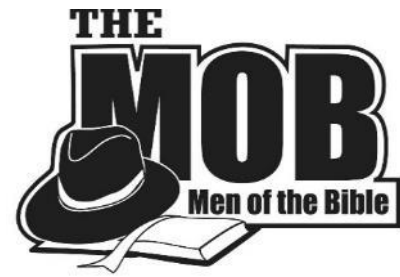
1 Corinthians Outline

	1:1		4:21		5:1		6:20				7:1		16:4							
Divisions	Report of Divisions		Reason for Divisions		Incest		Litigation Between Believers		Sexual Immorality		Counsel Concerning: Marriage		Counsel Concerning: Things offered to idols		Counsel Concerning: Public Worship		Counsel Concerning: Resurrection		Counsel Concerning: Collection for Jerusalem	
	1:1	1:17	1:18	4:21	5:1	5:13	6:1	6:11	6:12	6:20	7:1	7:40	8:1	11:1	11:2	14:40	15:1	15:50	16:1	16:24
Topics	Divisions in the Church				Disorder in the Church				Difficulties in the Church											
	Concern				Condemnation				Counsel											
Place	Written in Ephesus																			
Time	circa A.D. 56																			

Section Overview

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- **What is “real” wisdom?**
 - **Where does it come from?**
 - **Will we ever really be wise?**

1 Corinthians 1:18-19 (ESV)



¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly 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, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

- v.18 is probably one of the most important in the Bible
- You rarely hear people say this today but many sure act this way
- v.19 is a quote from Is 29:14 which is what really happened with the coming of Christ
- Constable says “that it has always been God’s method to expose the folly of merely human wisdom”

1 Corinthians 1:20-22 (ESV)

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,

- Paul continues about wisdom which Isaiah takes up in 55:6ff
- The ‘wise’ of the world are not even close to God’s wisdom
- Compared to ‘wisdom of the world’ the Gospel was was folly but was the plan of God for salvation
- v.22, Paul begins here to explain the Gospel’s affect

1 Corinthians 1:23-25 (ESV)

²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,
²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

- The crucifixion of Christ has always been a problem for unbelievers
- "called" here is those who believed
- God's wisdom will never be like human wisdom and even if God is weak, and He is not, there is no comparison with man's strength!
- Constable has a quote from Carson about this section in v.18-25, pp.38. Have someone in your small group read it if you have time

1 Corinthians 1:26-27 (ESV)

²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

- This verse gives us some information about the church in Corinth
 - Not many wise
 - Not many powerful
 - Not many nobles
- Why was God doing this? Man's wisdom does not produce anything close to God's wisdom! He was shaming those who claimed to be anything like Him!!

1 Corinthians 1:28-29 (ESV)

²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,
²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

- No humans can boast in God's presence unless they are unsaved. If that's the case, they won't ever be in His presence!
- If someone is ever boasting about their spiritual walk at church, you need to have them read this

1 Corinthians 1:30-31 (ESV)

³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

- Look at what we have from Christ
 - God’s wisdom
 - Righteousness
 - Sanctification
 - Redemption
- This last verse is most likely from Jeremiah 9:23-24 because most of the NT was not published at this time. If you have time in your small groups read Mt 11:25-30

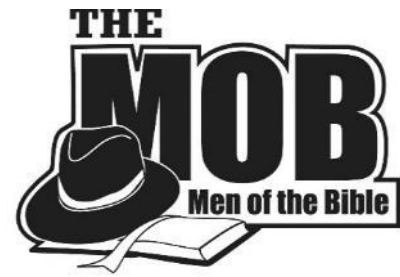
Conclusion

**The only way any of us may become wise is to
be saved!**

**If Paul thought the church at Corinth was
tough, and he wrote probably four letters to
them, he should see our churches today!**

Discussion & Application

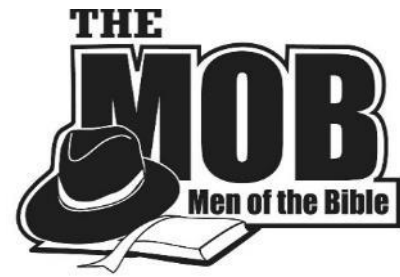
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- 1) What does the “word of the cross,” in verse 18, refer to?
- 2) What is the current state, and ultimate destiny for man’s wisdom, according to this passage
- 3) How does God “save” someone according to this passage?
- 4) How do Jews and Greeks, generally speaking, respond differently to the message of the gospel?
- 5) How do those who are “called” respond to the message of the cross?

Discussion & Application

Lowell's Notes
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- 6) What do “the redeemed” receive from God, according to this passage?
- 7) What does the prophet Jeremiah say (in Jeremiah 9:23-24) is not worth boasting about, and what is worth boasting about?
- 8) Why does God not call many “wise according to the flesh,” nor many mighty, nor many noble
- 9) How do people become “in Christ” and with what result?
- 10) What are some other verses in Scripture that speak to the message of this text?

Next Meeting 10/1

Review

- 1 Cor 1:18-31,
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 1:18
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp. 31-41; MacArthur, pp. 35-54*
- Refreshment Host: Group D

Next Week

- 1 Cor 2:1-16,
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 2:12
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp. 41-56; MacArthur, pp. 54-65*
- Refreshment Host: Group E

Closing

- **Benediction**
- **Small Groups**

