

# **The Wisdom of the Cross**

**1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

**(series #5)**

**Intro: the solution to the divine dilemma - Rom. 3:24-26**

- I. The Contrasting Views of the Cross v. 18**
  - A. To those who are perishing, it is foolishness**
  
  - B. Those who are being saved, it is power**
    - 1. The past - saved from the penalty of sin**
    - 2. The present - saved from the power of sin**
    - 3. The future - saved from the presence of sin**
  
- II. The Futility of Man's Wisdom v. 19**
  - A. This is a quote from Isaiah 29:14**
  
  - B. The people foolishly listened to the "wise"**
  
- III. The Emptiness of Man's Wisdom vv. 20-21**
  - A. Verse 20 is a paraphrase of Isaiah 19:12**
  
  - B. No one comes to know God through human wisdom**
  
- IV. The Masks of Unbelief v. 22**
  - A. Jews seek more signs - Matt. 12:38-44**
  
  - B. Greeks seek wisdom or human reasoning**
  
- V. The Message of Christ vv. 23-25**
  - A. Is a stumbling block to Jews, foolishness to Greeks**
  
  - B. To those who are called, it is power and wisdom**
    - 1 Cor. 1:9, Rom. 8:30, 2 Tim. 1:9**
  
  - C. God's "foolishness" and "weakness" are superior to man's "wisdom" and "strength"**