

9. The contrast throughout verses 18-25 is between what?
10. The cross is the ultimate display of God's wisdom because it solves the perplexing dilemma of how God can do what?
11. God's wrath is directed toward us because of our sinfulness, but that wrath is averted away from those who believe, by virtue of what?
12. Did the animal sacrifices of the Old Testament take the sin away?
13. How could God simply acquit us of our guiltiness of sin?
14. How far back do the benefits of Jesus' death go?
15. Because of the death of Jesus Christ, God can be what to those who place faith in Christ?
16. The mind of modern man seems to minimize the importance of what?
17. Fill in the blanks: "...for God to pass over wrong is as much an act of _____ as it would be to condemn _____ people to a fate they don't deserve. Because God is righteous, He couldn't do either..."
18. What God accomplished on the cross is the pinnacle display of what?
19. Those who are perishing see the cross as what?
20. Those of us who are being saved see the cross as the what?
21. What are the three phases of salvation?
22. What happened to the people in Isaiah's day who listened to the king's counselors and wise men, instead of listening to the word of God?
23. Do you find yourself looking to: science, technology, engineering, sociology, psychology, philosophy, education, business, politics, government programs, or the occult to find answers and direction in life?
24. Verse 20 is probably a paraphrase of Isaiah 19:12 where the prophet was referring to the wise men of Egypt who did what?
25. Verse 21 tells us that we can't do what?
26. What kind of people **don't** like God's plan?
27. Who doesn't want to hear the message that Jesus of Nazareth, who was virgin-born, crucified and risen is the Messiah of God?
28. Unbelieving Jews want to see more of what?
29. In Matthew 12:38-44, Jesus called the Jews what kind of generation for seeking more signs?
30. Gentiles masked their refusal to believe by wanting what?
31. What do we preach?
32. The message we preach will be a stumbling block to whom?
33. The message we preach will be foolishness to whom?
34. In an attempt to be popular with society, many churches have compromised the message by saying what?
35. What are the only two categories of people in the world?

36. What is the meaning of the word, “called” in verse 24?

37. To make a pungent point, what does Paul use in verse 25?

38. Does God have any foolishness or weakness?

39. How do you view the cross of Christ? Do you see it as foolishness or as the wisdom and power of God?

40. Do you think you are wiser than God and you know a better way to be saved or a better way to live life?

41. How do you really, relate to the cross, in every day life? Do you ignore it in your life or cherish it?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this

change?

Preparation for Next Week:

1. Read I Corinthians 1 each day this week.
2. Discuss with a friend verses 26-29 and note God’s unusual ways of accomplishing His plan.
3. When you see, from these verse, the kinds of people that God uses, where do you see yourself in this list? What might be some of the benefits of not being wise according to the flesh, of not being mighty or noble?

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THE WISDOM OF THE CROSS
I Corinthians 1:18-25
(Series #5)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon on “**The Wisdom of The Cross**”. All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Jot down some of the statistics that Pastor Bryan gives about the explosion of information and wealth of knowledge:

2. We live in an intelligent, educated society, but we live in a society which, by and large, has rejected the what?

3. What was the major problem that the church in Corinth had?

4. Paul exhorts the church to unity and one of the ways he seeks to accomplish this goal is by focusing their attention on what?

5. What is the great equalizer?

6. The believers in Corinth were arrogantly promoting themselves, based upon what?

7. The cross reminds us that we are all what?

8. What does the cross crush?

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