

LESSON 4
THE FOLLY OF GOD
1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-2:5

I. The crucified Messiah (1:18-25)

A. The reception of Gospel (1:18)

1. To those who are perishing (1:18a)

- The gospel is _____ to those who are perishing.

2. To those who are being saved (1:18b)

- The gospel is the _____ to those who believe.

B. God's view of human wisdom (1:19)

- Paul quotes Isaiah to show that God sees _____.

C. God's rejection of human wisdom (1:20)

- God has disregarded human wisdom and shown it to be _____.

D. The limits of human wisdom (1:21a-22)

- Human wisdom cannot understand _____.

- God used what was _____ to bring salvation.

- Jews want _____.

- Gentiles insisted on _____.

E. The nature of the cross (1:23-24)

- The crucified Messiah is a _____ to the Jews.

- It is _____ to the Gentiles.

- The _____ is God's wisdom and His power for salvation.

F. The greatness of God's wisdom (1:25)

- The "foolishness and weakness" of God is greater than _____.

II. The Corinthians believers (1:26-31)

A. Their state (1:26)

- Paul calls them to take notice of the _____.

B. God's purpose in choosing them (1:27-28)

- God purposely saved the insignificant to shame the _____.

C. The reason (1:29)

- God's purpose is that no one can _____.

D. True wisdom (1:30)

- Christ alone personified the _____, which they had experienced.

E. The issue of glory (1:31)

- True boasting is centered on the _____.

III. Paul's example (2:1-5)

A. Paul's manner in coming to them (2:1)

- Paul did not proclaim the gospel with _____.

B. Paul's mindset (2:2)

- Paul purposely chose to focus on _____.

C. Paul's disposition (2:3)

- Paul's general disposition was one of _____.

D. Paul's speech (2:4-5)

- He purposely chose not to speak with _____.
- He wanted their faith to be rooted in _____, not human wisdom.