



1 COR. 1:17

“For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the Gospel – not with words of human wisdom, lest the Cross be emptied of its power.”



BUT GOD...
GLORY IN THE CROSS

1 Corinthians 1:18-31



VS. 18

The message of the Cross

The incarnation, death, burial and
Resurrection of Jesus Christ
(No other gospels - Gal. 1:6-9)

Foolishness to the lost, but power to those who are
being saved (Rom. 1:16).

We're all either perishing or being saved



VS. 19

A caution to those who reject the Word of God and
chase after the wisdom of man

Ps. 2

Prov. 3:7

Rom. 1:22

1 Cor. 3:18-20



VSS. 20-25

“Let God be true and every man a liar.” Rom. 3:4

Vs. 20 See Paul in Athens (Acts 17:16ff) Note the ridicule – and note God working in and through Paul

Vs. 21 Romans 1:18-23

Vs. 22 Jews and Greeks alike want to be 'wowed' the former by signs and the latter by intellect. Beware that unbelieving heart (Matt. 12:38-45)

Vs. 23-24 See also 1 Cor. 2:2

Vs. 25 If God could have a foolish thought it would still be brighter than man's best-ever intellect. If God could be weak, He would still be stronger than man on his best-ever day

VSS. 26-31 JUST LOOK AT YOU...

Vs. 26 But for real. What a relief! God didn't choose us because of what we brought to the table.

Vs. 27 But God...

He chose the foolish, the weak, the lowly and the despised.

Why?

- So that the glory is His alone Vs. 29
“for Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever.”

Acts 12:19b-23

- So that no one can boast
Eph. 2:8-9



VS. 30 OH, WHAT GRACE!

“It is because of (God) that you are in Christ Jesus...”

In another incredibly gracious act, God supplied wisdom for us (righteousness, holiness and redemption) in Jesus Christ!

Why was that necessary?

Again, because man's wisdom will intoxicate and ultimately bring spiritual destruction



“as it is written...”

See Jeremiah 9:23-24