

Series: 1 Corinthians

“The Wisdom of the Cross”

(Sunday Morning February 1st, 2026)

Passage: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Acts 17:19-21 “19 And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, ‘May we know what this new teaching is which you are proclaiming? 20 ‘For you are bringing some strange things to our ears; so we want to know what these things mean.’ 21 (Now all the Athenians and the strangers visiting there used to spend their time in nothing other than telling or hearing something new.)”

The problem is that these human philosophies that these people in Corinth had grown accustomed to all of their lives were often in d_____ c_____ with the truths of the Christian faith.

Isa 55:9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

I. The Wisdom of the Cross is What S_____ People

1) The Results of H_____ Wisdom

Isa 29:14 (Reference)

2 Kings 19:20 “Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah saying, ‘Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Because you have prayed to Me about Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have heard you.’”

2 Kings 19:35 “Then it happened that night that the angel of the LORD went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when men rose early in the morning, behold, all of them were dead.”

The wisdom of the world turned out to be foolish for Hezekiah and Sennacherib, and the wisdom of God proved to be s_____ and v_____

2) The Results of D_____ Wisdom

Question = What is it about God’s wisdom that the average person in our world does not understand?

Answer = I believe that part of the answer to that question is f_____.

Prov 14:12 “There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death”

Question = What is it about God’s wisdom that the average person in our world does not understand?

Answer = I believe that another part of the answer to that question is the a_____.

1 John 4:10 “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

II. The Wisdom of the Cross is What S _____ People

1) The Response of the J _____

a. The Jews Rejected His S _____

Matt 16:22 “Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, ‘God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You.’”

Matt 16:23 “But He (Jesus) turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's.”

b. The Jews Required a S _____

Matt 16:4 (Jesus Said) “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and a sign will not be given it, except the sign of Jonah. ...”

2) The Response of the G _____

Acts 17:32 “Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some began to sneer, ...”

Any time that human philosophy gets mixed with divine revelation, divine revelation is c _____.

III. The Wisdom of the Cross is What S _____ People

1) There is a D _____ Path

a. Some Philosophers Emphasized H _____

1 Cor 6:13 “Food is for the stomach and the stomach is for food, but God will do away with both of them. Yet the body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body.”

b. Some Philosophers Emphasized A _____

1 Tim 4:3 “men (That Refers to Demonically Inspired Men) who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.”

2) There is a R _____ Path

We have BEEN SAVED from the P _____ of sin; we are BEING SAVED from the P _____ of sin, and we will ultimately BE SAVED from the P _____ of sin.

Gal 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”