

Corinthians

Simple Church



- 4) I always thank my God **for** you because of his **grace** given you in Christ Jesus.
- 5) For in him you have been **enriched** in every way--with all kinds of **speech** and with all **knowledge**—
- 6) God **thus** confirming our testimony about Christ among you.

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- 7) Therefore you do not **lack** any spiritual **gift** as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be **revealed**.
- 8) **He** will also keep **you** firm to the end, so that **you** will be blameless on the day of **our** Lord **Jesus Christ**.
- 9) **God** is faithful, who has called **you** into fellowship with **his** Son, Jesus Christ **our** Lord.

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- 11) My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you.
- 12) What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."
- 13) Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul?

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- 14) I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius,
- 15) so no one can say that you were baptized in my name.
- 16) (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.)
- 17) For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel-- not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

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- 18) For the message of the cross is **foolishness** to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the **power** of God.
- 19) For it is written: "I will destroy the **wisdom** of the **wise**; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."
- 20) Where is the **wise** person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made **foolish** the **wisdom** of the world?
- 21) For since in the **wisdom** of God the world through its **wisdom** did not know him, God was pleased through the **foolishness** of what was preached to save those who believe.

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- 22) **Jews** demand signs and **Greeks** look for **wisdom**,
- 23) but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to **Jews** and **foolishness** to **Gentiles**,
- 24) but to those whom God has called, both **Jews** and **Greeks**, Christ the **power** of God and the **wisdom** of God.
- 25) For the **foolishness** of God is **wiser** than human **wisdom**, and the **weakness** of God is **stronger** than human **strength**.
- 26) Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were **wise** by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.

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27) But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

28) God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things--and the things that are not--to nullify the things that are,

29) so that no one may boast before him.

30) It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God--that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

31) Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

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- 20) Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not **God** made foolish the wisdom of the world?
- 21) For since in the wisdom of **God** the world through its wisdom did not know him, **God** was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

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- 22) Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom,
- 23)but we preach **Christ** crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,
- 24)but to those whom **God** has called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.**
- 25)For the foolishness of **God** is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of **God** is stronger than human strength.
- 26)Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.

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