

Men in Christ  
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1 Corinthians 1:17-25

*Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the good news, and preach it not with elegance, lest Christ's cross be denied its power. For the **word of the cross** is senseless to those who are perishing, but to us who are being set free it is God's dynamic. For it is written, "I will confound the insight of the wise, and the craftiness of the sage I will nullify." Where is the sage? Where is the scribe? Where is the skilled critic of this age? Has not God rendered ineffective the wisdom of the world? In God's wisdom this age cannot not know God through wisdom; it pleased God through the senselessness of what we proclaim to liberate those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a scandalous block to Jews and senselessness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the casual act of God is wiser than men, and God's inactions is stronger than men.*

1. What is the general impression of Paul's message?
2. What is "The Word of the Cross"?
3. What has God in his wisdom determined?
4. Is it possible to separate Christ from his cross
5. British bibles translate "Christ crucified" as "Christ on his cross"
6. What is the "Good News?" - The Gospel?
7. Is the 'believer' at odds with human wisdom?
8. Is there a divergence between observation and revelation?
9. Is the church - contemporary ministry - in harmony with the apostle?
10. What are we to make of this?
11. The Church cannot accomplish the mission of God in human methods and schemes - the labor is God's