

# 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Consider your Calling and the Cross

- Verse of the week: 1 Cor. 1:18 **“For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”**
- Issue No. 1—Divisions and Quarrels among believers
- Paul defines the source of the problem
  - Old worldly thinking and prideful boasting to match
    - Seeking God through Hellenistic wisdom—Greeks
    - Seeking God through Signs—Jews
  - Not looking at the word/message of the cross correctly
    - Foolishness to the wise—Greek thought
      - god’s are apathetic (they could care less)
      - god’s are not involved—they remain remote to mankind
    - Anathema and stumbling block to the Jews
      - God can’t die—He’s God
      - Messiah can’t die as a criminal on a cross
      - Jesus died on a cross
      - He is neither God or Messiah, never both
- Christ crucified
  - The power and wisdom of God
  - The word of the cross—destroying the wise and clever
  - Through the message preached saving those who believe
- Examine your calling
  - Foolish things shaming the wise
  - Weak things shaming the strong
  - Base things and the despised—chosen by God
  - So, no man can boast
- By God’s doing you are in Christ
  - Christ Jesus—Our wisdom from God
    - Our righteousness
    - Our sanctification (by which we know holiness)
    - Our redemption (He is our penalty paid)
- Stop boasting in men