

1 Cor. 1:18-25 Week 105

The WORD of the Cross

1 Cor. 1:18 For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, 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, And the cleverness of the clever I will set aside." 20 Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater 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 come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. 22 For indeed Jews ask for signs, and Greeks search for wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. NAS

Three Aspects of the Word which come to us from the cross of Christ

1. The _____ of God to Men

The word spoken here is "_____". It speaks of Christ as the _____ of God and the _____ of God. He is God.

There are two classes of men where the Gospel is preached:

- the _____ and gainsayers, who are perishing, and
- the _____ believers, who are in a state of salvation.

We see the revelation of God in several ways:

God's _____

- The power by which He _____
- The power by which He _____
Jesus Christ had a conscience _____ by the knowledge or experience of sin.
- The power by which He _____
- The power by which Christ _____
- The power of Christ to _____

2. The Revelation of the _____ of God

- Christ will reign _____ and unobstructed as Lord of lords and King of kings (Rev 17:14), and all of man's wisdom will become ashes.

- Human wisdom sometimes sees the immediate cause of a problem but it does not see the _____, which always is _____.
- In other words, _____ itself is a basic part of the problem.

Three things about God's wisdom:

- a. Jesus is our _____
- b. Jesus is our _____
- c. Jesus is our _____

3. The _____ of God to Man

- Man's own sinful nature is the cause of his problems, and he cannot _____ his own nature.
- When human wisdom recognizes its own bankruptcy and a man turns in _____ to Jesus Christ.
- For some the cross is _____.
 - The _____: The cross demolishes the idea that a man can work his way into heaven.
 - The _____ thinks he can reason his way to God and to salvation. God has decreed that man, by human philosophy, cannot know Him.