

[1 Co 1:10](#) I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

[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 baptised in the name of Paul?

[14](#) I thank God that I did not baptise any of you except Crispus and Gaius,

[15](#) so no one can say that you were baptised in my name.

[16](#) (Yes, I also baptised the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptised anyone else.)

[17](#) For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

[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.

[22](#) Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom,

[1 Co 1:10](#) I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

[11](#) For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.

[12](#) What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ."

[13](#) Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul?

[14](#) I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,

[15](#) so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name.

[16](#) (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

[17](#) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

[18](#) For the word of the cross is folly 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, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

[20](#) Where is the one who is wise? 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 did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

[22](#) For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,

[23](#) but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

[23](#) but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

[24](#) but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

[24](#) but to those who are 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.

[25](#) For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

[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.

[26](#) For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

[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.

[27](#) But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in 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,

[28](#) God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,

[29](#) so that no one may boast before him.

[29](#) so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

[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.

[30](#) And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

[31](#) Therefore, as it is written: ‘Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.’

[31](#) so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

[2:1](#) And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.

[2:1](#) And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom.

[2](#) For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

[2](#) For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

[3](#) I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling.

[3](#) And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling,

[4](#) My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power,

[4](#) and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

[5](#) so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power.

[5](#) so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.