

## 1 Corinthians 1:17-31 • “Christ The Power Of God And The Wisdom Of God”

*“Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.”* **C.S. Lewis**

*“**The cross of Christ** is not only the **basis** of our peace and hope—but it is the **means** of our eternal salvation. The **goal** of the cross is not only a full and free pardon, but a changed life lived in fellowship with God.”* **Billy Graham**

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**Paul**

1Corinthians 1:17 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**.

1Corinthians 1:18 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**.

1Corinthians 1:19 **For it is written**, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

1Corinthians 1:20 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?**

1Corinthians 1:21 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**.

1Corinthians 1:22 For **Jews demand signs** and **Greeks seek wisdom**,

John 12:37 Though he had done so many **signs** before them, **they still did not believe in him**,

Matthew 27:41 So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,

Matthew 27:42 “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; **let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.**

Acts 17:18 Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “**What does this babbler wish to say?**” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities” — **because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.**

Acts 17:19 And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “**May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?**

Acts 17:20 **For you bring some strange things to our ears.** We wish to know therefore **what these things mean.**”

Acts 17:21 Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would **spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.**

Acts 17:32 Now **when they heard of the resurrection of the dead,** some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.”

1Corinthians 1:23 but **we preach Christ crucified,** a **stumbling block to Jews** and **folly to Gentiles,**

1Corinthians 1:24 but **to those who are called,** both **Jews and Greeks,** **Christ the power of God** and the **wisdom of God.**

1Corinthians 1:25 For the **foolishness of God is wiser than men,** and the **weakness of God is stronger than men.**

1Corinthians 1:26 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.

1Corinthians 1:27 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;

1Corinthians 1:28 **God chose** what is low and despised in the world, even things  
that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,

1Corinthians 1:29 **so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.**

1Corinthians 1:30 And **because of him you are in Christ Jesus**, who **became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,**

1Corinthians 1:31 so that, as it is written, **“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”**

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John 3:16 “For **God so loved** the world, that **he gave** his only Son, that **whoever believes in him** should **not perish** but **have eternal life.**

Romans 3:23 for **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:24 and are **justified by his grace as a gift**, through the **redemption** that is **in Christ Jesus**,

Romans 3:25 whom **God put forward as a propitiation by his blood**, to be received by faith. **This was to show God’s righteousness**, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

Romans 3:26 It was to **show his righteousness at the present time**, so that he might be **just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**

Romans 5:8 but **God shows his love** for us in that **while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

2Corinthians 5:21 For our sake **he made him to be sin who knew no sin**, so that in him **we might become the righteousness of God.**

Ephesians 1:7 In him we have **redemption through his blood**, the **forgiveness of our trespasses**, according to the **riches of his grace**,

Hebrews 9:22 Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with **blood**, and **without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins**.

John 10:28 I give them **eternal life**, and **they will never perish**, and **no one will snatch them out of my hand**.

1Corinthians 15:1 Now **I would remind you**, brothers, **of the gospel** I preached to you, which **you received**, in which **you stand**,

1Corinthians 15:2 and by which you are **being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you**—unless you believed in vain.

1Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received: **that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures**,

1Corinthians 15:4 that **he was buried**, that **he was raised** on the third day in **accordance with the Scriptures**,

1Corinthians 15:5 and that **he appeared to** Cephas, then to the twelve.

1Corinthians 15:6 Then **he appeared to** more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

1Corinthians 15:7 Then **he appeared to** James, then to all the apostles.

1Corinthians 15:8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, **he appeared also to me**.

1Corinthians 15:9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

1Corinthians 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, **I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.**

1Corinthians 15:11 Whether then it was I or they, so **we preach** and so **you believed.**

1Corinthians 15:12 Now if Christ is **proclaimed** as **raised from the dead**, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

1Corinthians 15:13 But **if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.**

1Corinthians 15:14 And **if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.**

1Corinthians 15:15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

1Corinthians 15:16 For **if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.**

1Corinthians 15:17 And **if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.**

1Corinthians 15:18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have **perished.**

1Corinthians 15:19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

1Corinthians 15:20 **But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

1Corinthians 15:21 For as by a man came death, **by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

1Corinthians 15:22 **For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**

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