

# Centered by the Cross

## HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

## SERMON NOTES

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

### I. How Christians Can Speak Like an Apostle – (1 Corinthians 2)

#### A. Keeping Our Focus Where It Needs to Be, (vs. 1-5)

1. Sharing the gospel is not a “spiel,” nor is it following a carefully prepared script, or even being glib.
  - a. Listen as Paul speaks about his own experience. Could he be describing you as well as himself?!

b. It’s the “what” of God’s message that is quite straight-forward...

c. So it is the “what” of the message and not the “who” that makes all the difference.

1 Corinthians 1:18

Romans 1:16

Romans 10:17

#### B. The “*Demonstration of God’s Power,*” (vs. 6-9)

1. The gospel message is simple. But too often people confuse *simple* with *easy*. The gospel is *demanding!*
  - a. (v. 6), “*Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age...*”

b. (v. 7), “*...we speak God’s wisdom in a mystery; the hidden wisdom, which God predestined....*”

1 Corinthians 1:24

1 Corinthians 1:21

2. Due to their unbelief, Paul says, (v. 8), “*...wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood...*”

Matthew 21:23-27

Luke 7:30

Galatians 1:10

3. No wonder Paul says, (v. 9), “*Just as it is written, ‘Thing which eye has not seen & ear has not heard...’*”

**C. The “*Demonstration of the Spirit*” – 3 Points, (vs. 10-13)**

1. #1 – The Spirit revealed the gospel. (v. 10), “*For to us God revealed it through the Spirit....*”

1 Corinthians 1:21

1 Corinthians 2:11

2. #2 – The apostles received God’s Spirit. (v. 12), “*Now we have received ...the Spirit who is from God...*”

Ephesians 3:3

3. #3 - Through this revelation we can now speak just like the apostles. (v. 13), “*...which things we speak...*”

Ephesians 3:4

Ephesians 3:16, 20

**CONCLUSIONS:** Paul concludes this chapter by speaking about two types of people who hear gospel...

Natural Man: (2:14)

Spiritual Man: (2:15)

Mark 16:15-16

1 Corinthians 12:13

1 Corinthians 2:10

Acts 2:38