

Centered by the Cross

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

1 Corinthians 1:13--20

I. Getting to the Center of Things – Part 2 (1Corinthians 1)

A. Let's See Who is "*Wise*," and Who is "*Foolish*"?

1. The Book of Job is the 1st book in a section of the Bible called "Wisdom Literature."

a. In chapters 1-2, we read of Job's terrible circumstances. Then we read of his 3 "Comforters."

Job 1:8; 2:3

Job 4:7-8

Job 10:3

b. Eventually God enters the conversation and begins asking some questions of His own...

Job 38:1-4

Job 42:1, 3, 6

c. Like Job's 3 "Comforters," the "wise" typically believe themselves too smart to "fall for the gospel!"

1 Corinthians 1:18

2. Whether people are "*wise*" or "*foolish*" is demonstrated by their words and actions.

a. For those who believe they are wise, how is it they don't know the greatest power in the universe?

1 Corinthians 1:21

Genesis 1:3

John 9:5

3. The “wise,” make demands of God, but then still reject Him after He gives them what they requested!
 - a. (v. 22), *“For, indeed, Jews ask for signs and the Greeks search for wisdom.”*

Matthew 12:38

John 20:30-31

Matthew 7:24

4. Yet in spite of people’s unbelief we continue to teach the gospel...
 - a. (v. 23a), *“But we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block...”*

Matthew 26:63-64

Acts 17:18, 32

5. For all who choose to believe, the message of the cross is so encouraging! (v. 24)

2 Thessalonians 2:14

Hebrews 10:4-5

Job 14:14

Romans 1:4

Matthew 7:24

John 6:38

Matthew 26:39

- B. Those who the world deem as “important” are not often found in the church.
 - a. (v. 26), *“For consider your calling, brethren....”*

b. (v. 27), *“But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise....”*

CONCLUSIONS:

Romans 6:3; Matthew 3:13-15; Acts 2:38; Galatians 4:5; 3:26-27; Mark 16:15-16