

Message Series Program Notes: 1 Corinthians *Unity out of Division*
The Foolishness of Preaching the Gospel Pt. 1
1 Corinthians 1:18 – 2:5
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“⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.” Colossians 2:8 ESV

Why We Can Trust God’s Wisdom

#1 God’s wisdom is superior to human intellect (19)

See: Isaiah 29:14; 2 Kings 19:14-19 / 35

#2 God’s wisdom is superior to spiritual experts (20-21)

“No self-respecting orator could have used such verbs to describe his own modus operandi.” The reason...is that the role of the κήρυξ (kēryx, herald) was not “to discover the persuasive probabilities inherent in his subject, or search for arguments that will carry weight with his listeners, much less to package the whole so that the message will be irresistible...That sort of thing belongs to the persuader. The herald’s task is not to create a persuasive message at all, but to convey effectively the already articulated message of (the Word of God).”

David Garland
Baker Exegetical Commentary on the
New Testament

#3 God’s wisdom is superior to religious experience or verifiable proof (22-23)

See: Matthew 12:39; John 20:24–25

#4 God’s wisdom is superior to personal power (24-25)

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