

# Called By God Through Christ

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1Corinthians 1:9-31

“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. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.” (1Corinthians 1:21-24, ESV)

## Introduction

The world that the Corinthian believers lived in was not all that different from our own in terms of their priorities and values. People there were very conscious of the differences between those who were of high birth, social, economic and educational status and those who were not. And yet--just as there is no such thing a human being who is truly self-made--there is no Christian who is saved by any other than Christ Jesus, nor any who is superior to others for we all saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

### **1. We are saved by and baptized into the Name of Jesus Christ. (1Co1:9-16)**

a) We are called into fellowship with the same Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

b) Whether we follow Paul, Apollos, or any other, there is only one Christ who died for us.

### **2. Christ is the power and wisdom of God. (1Co1:17-25)**

a) The message of the Cross is more than knowledge and wisdom, but of God's power.

b) “...it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.”

### **3. Christ is the only reason for any of us to boast. (1Co1:26-31)**

a) No human being will be able to boast in the presence of God on the day of judgment.

b) Christ has been made for us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption.

## **For our prayerful study, discussion and application:**

1) Read verse 9. Why is this one verse a complete sermon in and of itself?

2) Read verse 18:24. Why did the apostle Paul talking about wisdom and folly here?

3) Read verses 28-31. What has God done for us in Christ?

## **Conclusion:**

Like 1Corinthians 1:9 says--only God is faithful. It is God who has called us and put us into Christ, for even our faith to believe in Christ is a gift from God.

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