

Introduction -Paul is responding to a number of problems and issues that are present in the church at Corinth, and how they have been handled.

I. The Wisdom and Power of Man—I Corinthians 1:18-25

- Paul begins by reviewing, in general terms, the cumulative results of man’s wisdom and power. Vs. 18-21-

Vs. 22-25- review man’s specific failures in seeking God:

A. The Jews ask for signs

B. The Gentiles/Greeks seek wisdom

- Both Jews and Gentiles rejected Christ because they couldn’t assimilate Him into their worldview.

II. The Wisdom and Power of the Corinthians- vs. 26-29

- Paul now goes from the experience of the many who rejected Christ to those who received Him at Corinth.

Vs. 26-29-

- The admonition is clear to those who were causing division and polarization in the church.

III. The Wisdom and Power of God- vs. 30-31

- So far, Paul has spoken of the emptiness of worldly wisdom and the misuse of power by the Corinthians.

- He will now explain the visible expression of God’s wisdom and power as seen in Christ

Vs. 30-

- Paul explains that through God’s power and wisdom man receives the following:

1. A relationship _____

- Romans 8:15 _____

- God’s wisdom is seen in the fact that He gives man the thing he desires most- a relationship with God.

- Imputation _____

- God imputes 4 things to man:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

- All of these “imputed” things prepared by God’s wisdom for us before the beginning of time. _____

Summary/Invitation

- The lessons from this passage are the same today as they were then:

1. We still have _____

2. We still have _____

3. We still have _____

*What “boast will you make today?”