

1 Corinthians 1:17-31 • Wisdom & Power

1. (v.17-18) The same message of the Gospel invokes a **reaction** among both believers and non-believers: it is not a matter of **knowledge** but **faith**.
2. (v.19-20) The “wisdom” of the world is defined by those who apply their **intellect** (“the **wise** man”), those looking for a confirming **sign** (“the **scribe**”), and those seeking to apply a higher **wisdom** (“the **debater**”).
3. (v.21) Ultimately God is not discovered until **faith** is applied to hearing the **Gospel**.
4. (v.22-25) Ultimately man’s highest wisdom and power falls short of **God’s**.
5. (v.26-29) Through the whole of God’s Word we are provided **examples** where God uses those who, by worldly standards, would have been the **wrong choice**.
6. (v.30-31) Because Christ is our wisdom, it is closely associated with **righteousness**, **sanctification**, and **redemption**. Biblical knowledge and biblical faith become **inseparable**.
7. (Jer. 23-24) True wisdom, true might, and true riches are scripturally connected to our **understanding** of and **relationship** with Christ.