

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Does worldly wisdom have any value?
2. How does becoming a Christian make one wise?
3. What are some basic differences between worldly wisdom and godly wisdom?
4. How can the wisdom of man interfere with the wisdom of God?
5. How can the simple message of Christ confound the wise?

### SUMMARY:

Where is the wise (professor, psychologist, etc.)? Where is the scribe (author)? Where is the disputer of this world (lawyer, orator)? They have simply not answered the real vital questions, such as “where did we come from? Why are we here? Where are we going?” The wisdom of this world does not prepare us to meet God, nor does it show us how to know Him now. The Word of God meets these needs in the Person of Christ. Thank God for this.

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #10

December 6, 2026

Fourth Quarter

### TRUE WISDOM AND POWER

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**LESSON TEXT:** *1 Corinthians 1:17-31; 2:1-5*

**LESSON SETTING:** Paul, writing to the Corinthians from Philippi.

**TIME:** Approximately 59 A.D.

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#### I. WISDOM OF MEN INFERIOR. 1 Corinthians 1:17-25

- A. Regard Cross as Foolish (vs. 18)
- B. Man's Wisdom Not Adequate (vs. 20) 1 Corinthians 8:2; 13:8
- C. Greeks Seek Wisdom (vs. 22-25) Romans 1:22; James 3:15-17

#### II. WISDOM OF GOD. 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

- A. Shows Wisdom of Men to be Foolish (vs. 27-28) Psalm 8:2; Hebrews 11:33-34

#### III. POWER OF GOD IN CHRIST. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

- A. Christ All-Sufficient (vs. 2) John 3:16; 6:68; Acts 4:12
- B. Faith in Power of God (vs. 5) Psalm 62:11; Romans 16:25

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *BUT GOD HATH CHOSEN THE FOOLISH THINGS OF THE WORLD TO CONFOUND THE WISE; AND GOD HATH CHOSEN THE WEAK THINGS OF THE WORLD TO CONFOUND THE THINGS WHICH ARE MIGHTY;*  
1 Corinthians 1:27

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** 1 Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-7  
2 Samuel 1:17-27

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Life and Writings of Paul

**TOPIC:** IMPORTANCE OF LOVE

**INTRODUCTION:**

What is the greatest attribute of a Christian? Is it church membership? Is it the ability to speak in tongues? Is it tithing and the dividing of our material wealth? Is it the ability to prophesy? The Apostle says that even though we can do all these things, but love is lacking, they profit us nothing.

How many people put so much emphasis on these things and completely fail in that greatest of commandments—that we love one another! The love that we experience among the brethren in that we can go from coast to coast and be received lovingly into homes of people who we never have met before is wonderful. Yet surpassing this is the love that overlooks the faults of our friends. It is this same love that enables us to turn the other cheek or to go the extra mile, or to receive a “tongue-lashing” or be falsely accused and accept it without retaliation.

Oh, Lord, help us to attain this love!

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** In comparison with God, man's love is feeble and man's strength is weakness.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *AND NOW ABIDETH FAITH, HOPE, CHARITY, THESE THREE; BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS CHARITY.*

I Corinthians 13:13

There is such a close tie between faith and hope. In fact, faith is based on the things hoped for. The things we desire and long for, fellowship with Christ, the opportunity to share in the inheritance of the Father, the gift of eternal life, all lead to our faith in Christ through whom these things are possible. Yet Jesus also says, “*If ye love me keep my commandments*” (John 14:15) and “*hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments*” (1 John 2:3). No wonder love is the greatest of these three.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 7 – 13**

Mon. Love for Friends. 1 Samuel 19:1-7  
Tue. Love for Enemies. Matthew 5:38-48  
Wed. \*Love's Characteristics. 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Thu. The Liberality of Love. 2 Corinthians 8:1-15  
Fri. The Proof of Love. 2 Corinthians 8:16-24  
Sat. Family Love. Colossians 3:16-25  
Sun. Christian Love. 1 John 3:1-11

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