

# 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

## A Foolish Message

### 1. God's Plan of Salvation is Intended to Show the Folly in Man's: (26-29)

- a. Salvation comes through a Foolish Message. *-1 Cor 1: 18-23; 2:14*
- b. It is God who chooses us, we don't choose God. *-1 Cor 1:9, 21, 24, 27-27; John 15:16*
- c. God chooses the foolish, weak, and insignificant to shame the wise, strong, and noble so that no one would boast in man. *-1 Cor 1: 27-28, 29*

### 2. God gives to Some new life in Christ so that they Would Boast in the Lord (30-31)

- a. To boast in the Lord is to boast in understanding and knowing Him. *-Jer 9: 23-24*
- b. To understand and know the Lord we need to:
  - i. Read God's word.
  - ii. Follow the convictions of the Spirit as we read.
  - iii. Implement those convictions in a life changing way. *-Jer 9:13*

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For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of him<sup>id</sup> you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

*In what ways do you find that you are "boasting in yourself"?*

*In what ways do you find that you are "boasting in the Lord"?*

*Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-9; James 1:22-27)*

**As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:**

- 1) How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? i.e. what have I been convicted of as I looked at myself in the mirror of God's word? Try to list 2 specific concrete changes you can make. e.g. Not interrupting my wife/husband/coworker when he/she is talking, not mocking others, etc.
- 2) How can I accomplish this change? i.e. confess this to God and my spouse. Find some verse that deals with listening or preferring others and memorize it. Ask my spouse to tell me when I'm failing, etc.
- 3) What is the first step toward bringing about this change?