

QUARRELLING AMONG YOU

*Paul is still dealing with the root cause of their divisions (1:10-31)

THINKS...HE IS WISE

*This is a sign of faith in self (flesh - 3:1-4), and it is a deception that this type of faith will lead us to God.

-Prov 3:5-7; Rom 12:16

*It is not through human wisdom, strength, or worldly position that one is saved, but only through God's wise plan and power accomplished through the

IT IS WRITTEN (JOB 5:3; PS 94:11)!

Just like in 1:19, Paul goes to scripture to show that faith in the wisdom of the world (i.e. self) is misplaced

PAUL'S CONCLUSION?

 STOP DOING WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING!

ALL THINGS ARE YOURS?

*All the teachings of Christ are for EVERYONE in the community of faith, regardless of the teacher.

*There is no exclusive information from Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas just for their followers.

*The purpose of their teaching is to lead others to fellowship with Christ, not with men!

-1Jn 1:1-4

❓ WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF ALL THESE THINGS BEING FOR THE BELIEVER?

PAUL RETURNS TO THE CONCEPTS OF WISDOM AND FOOLISHNESS HE BEGAN DISCUSSING IN 1:18-31.

THE "WISE IN THIS AGE" ARE THE ONES DESTROYING GOD'S TEMPLE (3:16-17)!

18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.

i.e. embrace what the world finds foolish (Mt 5:3)

19 For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, <- PAUL IS AGAIN HIGHLIGHTING THE TWO PERSPECTIVES FROM (1:18-31)

"He catches the wise in their craftiness," << JOB 5:13

20 and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." << PSALM 94:11

JER 9:23-24 (1Co 1:31)

21 So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours,

22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours,

23 and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

-----> TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH THE SON AND THE FATHER!

WISDOM / FOLLY

*(1:18) For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*(1:20-21) Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 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.

2 WARNINGS

 LET NO ONE... 
(3:18) DECEIVE HIMSELF!
(3:21) BOAST IN MEN!

BOAST IN MEN

*This is exactly what the Corinthian Christians were doing! (1:12)

*The cause was their lack of maturity that left them viewing things through the flesh (3:1-4)

WORLD, LIFE, DEATH, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

*For those who love God, "all things" such as the world, life, death, present, and future, are being used by God for our eternal good (Rom 8:28)

*The benefits and lessons learned from these sources are for everyone they happen to!

...AND CHRIST IS GOD'S

John 14:6-7 "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"

-John 1:1-18; 10:30

Quarrelling Among You / Wisdom & Folly

1 Corinthians 1:10–31 (ESV)

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ 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. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶ 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. ²⁷ 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; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Destroying God's Temple

1 Corinthians 3:16–17 (ESV)

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Thinks He is Wise

1 Corinthians 3:1–4 (ESV)

¹ But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ² I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³ for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴ For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

Proverbs 3:5–7 (ESV)

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
⁷ Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

Romans 12:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

Become a Fool

Matthew 5:3 (ESV)

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

It Is Written

Job 5:12–13 (ESV)

¹² He frustrates the devices of the crafty,
so that their hands achieve no success.
¹³ He catches the wise in their own craftiness,
and the schemes of the wily are brought to a quick end.

Psalms 94:11 (ESV)

¹¹ the LORD—knows the thoughts of man,
that they are but a breath.

Boast in Men

Jeremiah 9:23–24 (ESV)

²³ Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, ²⁴ but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”

1 Corinthians 1:31 (ESV)

³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

All Things are Yours

Romans 8:28 (ESV)

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

1 John 1:1–4 (ESV)

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

Christ is God’s

John 1:1–18 (ESV)

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.' ") ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

John 10:30 (ESV)

³⁰ I and the Father are one."

John 14:1–7 (ESV)

¹ "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."