

GOD'S CHOSEN THINGS

We have been studying the superiority of the Wisdom of God over the foolishness of the wisdom of world from (1 Cor.1:18-31).

In today's lesson text, Paul will explain:

(Isa.29:14) "Therefore behold, I will once again deal marvelously with this people, wondrously marvelous; And the wisdom of their wise men will perish, And the discernment of their discerning men will be concealed."

When he references the text in:

(1 Cor.1:19) For it is written, "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE."

Thereby showing how the wisdom of God destroys the logic and cleverness of the wisdom of the world. (1 Cor.1:18-31) (1 Cor.2:1-5)

NOTE: Paul has contrasted the foolishness of the wisdom of the world (1 Cor.1:18-25) to the foolishness of wisdom of God (1 Cor.1:26-31). Concluding that "The foolishness of God is wiser than men." (1 Cor.1:25)

Three aspects of Paul's emphasis on God's Chosen Things in the superiority of the Wisdom of God.

1. Paul used (1 Cor.1:25) as a bridge idea to our lesson text (1 Cor.1:26-31) - "Because the foolishness of God is wiser (omniscience) than men, and the weakness of God is stronger (omnipotence) than men."

- Paul's point is doctrinally important to each New Covenant believer. The lowest Spiritual IQ of the Omniscience of God is wiser than the highest Human IQ, regarding spiritual matters.

(1 Cor.2:14) "But the **natural man (unsaved)** does not accept the THINGS of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, **because** they are spiritually appraised."

(1 Cor.1:26) "For consider your calling, **brethren (saved)**, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble;"

2. Paul used (1 Cor.1:26) as second bridge idea to explain three categories of achievements of the wisdom of the world (according to the flesh) (the unsaved) (the wise, mighty, and noble).

Paul shows the superiority of the Wisdom of God by using this special phrase three times, "God has chosen," (1 Cor.1:27-28)."

- "God has chosen the foolish things of the world TO SHAME THE WISE (1 Cor.1:27a) (1 Cor.1:25)"
- "God has chosen the weak things of the world TO SHAME THE THINGS WHICH ARE STRONG (1 Cor.1:27), and the base things of the world and the despised (1 Cor.1:28a) (1 Cor.1:25)"
- "God has chosen the THINGS that **are not**, that (hina+subj of divine purpose) He might nullify (katargeo/ a.a.subj) [abolish/ render inoperative] the THINGS **that are** (1 Cor.1:28b) (1 Cor.1:26)"

What are the THINGS Chosen by God that are not part of the wisdom of the world; that are only part of the wisdom of God?

3. Paul introduced another bridge idea in (1 Cor.1:29) “that no man should boast before God.”

Paul listed **four** of the **THINGS God has chosen** for every Church Age Believer to BOAST before God.

(1 Cor.1:30) “But by His doing (grace) you are in Christ Jesus (positional truth), who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption.”

These are four of the **50 THINGS given FREE** in the package of grace salvation that God has Chosen will find reason to BOAST before God.

No unsaved person can BOAST BEFORE GOD apart from the Gospel of Grace Salvation no matter how **high their Human IQ is rated!**

(1 Cor.1:18) “**For the word of the cross** (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9) **is to them who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**” (1 Cor.1:21-24)

(1 Cor.1:31) “**So that, just as it is written, ‘Let him who boast; boast in the Lord.’**”
(Jer.9:23) (2 Cor.10:16-17)