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Pursuing Christ through Humility • 1 Cor. 1:18-31

Sermon Notes

1. God has provided our salvation solely through the gospel of Jesus Christ. 18-25

A. The message of the cross is foolish to the unregenerate (18-23).

- Jews want to prove the gospel through signs.
- Gentiles want to prove the gospel through reason.
- The message of the gospel must be accepted by faith.

B. The message of the cross is both the power and the wisdom of God (24-25).

- Power: the death of Jesus destroys sin universally and atones for sin personally.
- Axiom: The cross is sufficient for all, but efficient for the elect!
- Wisdom: the death of Jesus allows God to be both just and justifier (Rom. 3:21-26).

2. Humility is the only proper response to the message of the gospel. 26-31

A. God chooses ordinary people to do extraordinary things (26-28).

B. God deserves all the glory for both our salvation and sanctification (29-31).

- God is the author and finisher of our faith (Heb. 12:2).
- God sent Jesus to be our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.
- Our response must be one of humility—we will boast in the Lord!

Additional Study Information

Key verses: 1 Cor. 1:18, 31

Key Principle: God is the source of our salvation and sanctification— he alone deserves the glory!

Key idea: Humility is the proper response to the gift of the gospel.

Questions

1. It is clear that salvation is through the gospel of Jesus Christ alone. (1 Corinthians 1:18-25) With that in mind, we also read in Ephesians 2:8-9, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” Why did God make salvation available through faith rather than works?

2. Scripture is clear that Christ atones for our personal sins through His death. However, we run the risk of becoming comfortable in our sins because of that atonement. How do we reconcile our current problem with sin and God’s atonement for our sins? Specifically, what role does humility play in our sanctification? (Romans 6:1; 6:15-23)

