

## **Bible Study for March 1-7, 2021**

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

### **Notes:**

Since its been some time since we touched on 1 Corinthians, perhaps a little review is in order. In this letter Paul was dealing with a group of proud, materialistic, independent ex-pagans who were having a very difficult time learning how to live as Christians. Because they had bought much of their former thinking into the congregation in Corinth, Paul needs to help them to understand the differences between living the Christian lifestyle as compared to what they were used to. In these verses Paul points out that the word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

### **Questions to Ponder:**

When, in your estimation, did your parents suddenly become wiser?

What was the least useful course you had to take in high school?

What was the "wisdom and strength" which was so attractive to the Corinthians?

In contrast, what is the wisdom and power of God?

What images come to mind when you think of powerful, successful people? How might this conflict with following Christ?

How do people today confuse the world's power with God's power? How does that affect you?

Can you think of situations where God uses the weak, lowly, and despised to build his kingdom in our day?