



# FIRST CORINTHIANS

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 / WISDOM AND SOVEREIGNTY / 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31**

*THE GOSPEL, THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS, IS NOT A SCHEME FOR LIVING A BETTER LIFE BUT AN ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT GOD'S INTERVENTION IN THE WORLD FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD. YET THIS SHOCKING EVENT, A CRUCIFIED MESSIAH, IS ALSO A REVELATION OF THE DEEPEST TRUTH ABOUT THE CHARACTER OF GOD AND HIS WAY IN THE WORLD.*

**Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31.**

1. According to 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, how is the world now divided in the eyes of God (1 Corinthians 1:18)?
2. What does this passage state about the world's wisdom and knowing God (1 Corinthians 1:21)?
3. Why did the Jews find the cross of Jesus a stumbling block (1 Corinthians 1:23)? (see Deuteronomy 21:22-23, Galatians 3:13).
4. How does the choice of unremarkable people mentioned here consistent with God's choosing of people in the Old Testament?
5. How should the doctrine of election--the fact that God's choice initiated your faith--make you feel (1 Corinthians 1:27-29)? (see Ephesians 1:3-14)
6. How often do you 'boast' about the grace of God in your life?

***God, help me live more fully out of the rich grace you have displayed in my life.***