

August 23, 2020
I Corinthians 1:18-25
Foolishness, Wisdom - Weakness, Power

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1. Fundamentally the Corinthians needed a renewal of their minds (**Rom. 12:2**). They were trying to live their Christian lives on the basis of unsanctified common sense which has self-preservation as its ultimate goal. This kind of life is self-seeking, self-serving, and ultimately self-destructive (**Luke 9:24-25**). (Lowery, D. K.)
2. In verse 17 Paul spoke of preaching, this word meant “the good news.” In verse 23 Paul uses a word that means public proclamation. In verse 18 yet another word is used for preaching, this word is, *Logos*. This word has rich philosophical meaning of “logic and understanding.” John called Jesus Logos, He was, unique communication. The word of the cross was used to help communicate the doctrine of the atoning death of Christ. (Paige Patterson)
3. A Christian has no need for philosophy, where it agrees with Scripture it is not needed, where it does not, it is wrong. (John MacArthur)
4. (Martin Lloyd-Jones), “The whole drift towards modernism that has blighted the church of God and nearly destroyed its living gospel may be traced to an hour when men began to turn from revelation to philosophy.”

PONDER THIS!

As believers in Jesus Christ we do not have to rely on fancy words, philosophies, or being dynamic in our speech. The gospel is enough, share the good news with those you encounter and watch the power of God work in the lives of those who are perishing! Ultimately, salvation never comes by reason, but by revelation.