

# Sermon Notes

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Date: May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Series: Will The Real Church Please Stand Up?

Sermon: "God's Folly: The Message of the Cross" (1)

Text: 1 Cor. 1:18-25

**Introduction:** The wisdom of God has always been seen as folly to those who are enamored of their own wisdom. Paul sets up this text in 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5 when he says in v. 17 that "the wisdom of Words" empties the cross of its power. This discussion will begin in 1:18 and will conclude in 2:5. It breaks down nicely into three specific arguments:

First – in 1:18-25 he urges them "Look at the \_\_\_\_\_"

Second – in 1:26-31 he says "look at the gospel's \_\_\_\_\_"

Finally, "look at my own \_\_\_\_\_" (2:1-5)

Today, we begin with his first argument:

I. The message of the cross is \_\_\_\_\_ to the wisdom of man (1:18-25) – Three contrasts:

A. The contrast between those \_\_\_\_\_ and those \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 18-21)

1. God destroys those who are perishing by means of their own \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 18-21)

a. There are three \_\_\_\_\_ questions to consider (v. 20)

b. It is God's plan to \_\_\_\_\_ by his own wisdom (vv. 19, 21)

2. God's wisdom is \_\_\_\_\_ those being \_\_\_\_\_ through the message of the cross (v. 21b).

B. The contrast between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the crucified Christ (vv. 22-23a, 24)

- The cross is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (v. 18, 24b)

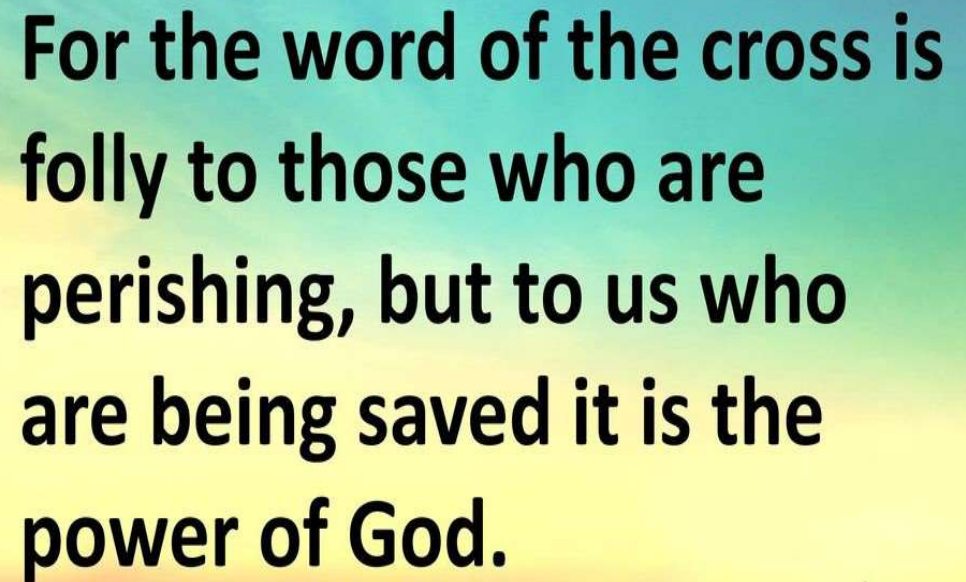
- The cross is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (v. 24b)

C. The contrast between those who \_\_\_\_\_ and those who \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 23-25)

1. Those that reject stumble and \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ that which is meant to save them (v. 23)

2. Those who receive do so because they are \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 24, 25)

**Conclusion:**



For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18 (ESV)

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH

May 26, 2024

Services @ 8:30 & 11:00 am • Sunday School @ 10:00 am

Small Group Week

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# Welcome

Thank you for joining us today at Berean Baptist Church. We would delight in assisting you in any way that we can. **Please feel free to stop by the Welcome Center after the 11 AM Worship.** Information regarding children's classes and our check-in system are located in the lobby at the child check-in kiosk.

# Prayer

## Missionary of the Month:

Ray & Annette Ronk ~ Brazil ~ Baptist Mid Mission

**Prayer Families of the Week:** Dale & Karri Stretch, Scott & Brenda Craig, Parker & Tina Mileo, Kevin & Kelly Brown

**Prayer Ministry of the Month:** Children's Ministry

# Calendar

<u>Monday 27th</u>	<u>Tuesday 28th</u>	<u>Wednesday 29th</u>
No Anchormen 7:30 am  Revel Bonfire at Alex & Brett's home 7 pm		Biblical Counseling Series 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
<u>Thursday 30th</u>	<u>Friday 31st</u>	<u>Saturday 1st</u>
		Cherish Saathoff's Grad Party 3-6 pm

For a detailed listing of future events, please refer to our website calendar: [www.bereanlife.org/calendar/](http://www.bereanlife.org/calendar/)

# Stewardship

Tithes/Offerings:	\$28,233.39	YTD Giving:	\$390,931.05
Weekly Budget:	\$16,368.83	YTD Budget:	\$327,376.54
YTD Missions:	\$66,930.85	Building Fund:	\$304,990.82
Local Missions:	\$79,613.96		

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# Announcements

## BIBLICAL COUNSELING SERIES

The conclusion to our biblical counseling series "For All That is in the World" is this **Wednesday, May 29th at 6:30 pm.** A light dinner will be served, **please contact Anthony to sign up.**

## BABY DEDICATION

We will have a baby dedication on **Sunday, June 16th.** There will be an informational meeting for parents on **Sunday, June 9th immediately following the 1st and 2nd services** at the front of the auditorium. Please contact Rich Cork if you plan to participate. All participants, please submit baby pictures for a slideshow and a written prayer for your child no later than **Sunday, June 2nd** to the church office

## WOMEN OF WISDOM

ATTENTION WOMEN: You are cordially invited to the Women of Wisdom Bible Study this summer on **Wednesday mornings from 10-11:30 am** in the Commons room. Shari Jackson will be our teacher as we study the book of Habakkuk. There will be an introduction on **Wednesday, June 5th then, we will meet on the following dates: June 19, July 17, 31, August 4, and 28.**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us this summer, **July 8th-12th from 9:30 am to 12:15 pm,** for *Vacation Bible School at the Breaker Rock Beach!* (aka Berean Baptist Church) VBS is a ministry for children who have completed kindergarten to those beginning 9th grade. Registration runs May 1st through July 1st, so sign up today and invite a friend! Drop off and pick up are in the main auditorium at Berean. Questions? Please contact Rich Cork ([rich@bereanlife.org](mailto:rich@bereanlife.org)) or Tiffany Mullins.

Please register via the QR code or web address: [tinyurl.com/bereanVBS24](http://tinyurl.com/bereanVBS24)



## UPCOMING GRADUATION PARTIES

- Cherish Saathoff (High School) - June 1st from 3-6 pm @ Berean
- Cash Mumford (High School) - June 2nd from 1-4 pm @ their home (23206 Ennishore, Novi)
- Hayden Brose (High School) - June 2nd from 4-8 pm @ Berean
- Jacob Reinhart (High School) - June 15th from 11- 4 pm @ Berean
- Isaac Miller (High School) - June 15th from 4-8 pm @ their home (22500 Devron Ct. Novi)
- Dave Sackett (Southern Seminary) - June 23rd from 6-10 pm @ Berean