SCRIPTURE LESSONS: I Corinthians 1:17 - 2:5

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not
with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its
power.

18 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. 19 For it is written,

> "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
> and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

207 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the
debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21
For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through
wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those
who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we
preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24
but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God
and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and
the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according
to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble
birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God
chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is
low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing
things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of
God. 30 And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, Who became to us
wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so
that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

2:1 And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the
testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know
nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 3 And I was with
you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, 4 and my speech and my
message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the
Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men
but in the power of God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

SERMON NOTES: