



## 1 Corinthians...*To The Church*

### Unity Part 2

1 Corinthians 1:1-17, 2:5

1:17 *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."*

2:2 *For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.*

1:27-29 *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; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.*

**I). Our God gives wisdom for us to understand His movement/plans/direction; man's wisdom is usually to promote himself above others.**

So why a cross? Why a manger? Because no one but God can boast in these humble/foolish icons!

Isaiah 29:14, *I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart*

**Key point**—I fear our need for media, in its forms today, has replaced God!

**II). When man's wisdom is elevated above God's wisdom, the direction of man becomes aimless and uncontrolled.**

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.*

"As we progressively become less-and-less Jesus centered, giving biblical hope to others becomes tougher and tougher."

Revelation 7:9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

“People who consider others as less-than-themselves, devalue our God as creator and devalue what Jesus did on the cross!”

2:5 *It's in the surrender of opinion and selfish ambition that we find the abundant life that comes through sacrificial living. And most importantly, it's in unity that Jesus is most glorified.*

