

1 CORINTHIANS:

God's Glorious Church in Real Life

Sermon Title: "A 'Foolish' Message & The Power of God"- Part 2 of 2

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-30

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Introduction:

A strong dose of redemption **reality** is an effective remedy for divisive feelings of superiority within the church.

1. The church is unified when we **remember** our calling from hopelessness. (v. 26)

Scripture: Luke 18:25; Zephaniah 3:12; Colossians 3:15

- When we remember who we each were before Christ, it is hard to ignore who we are **together** in Christ.

2. God's gracious salvation wrecks our worldly **standards** for significance. (v. 27-29)

Scripture: James 1:9-10; Psalms 37:10-11; Isaiah 2:11

- *The despised and rejected of the world make glorious **trophies** of God's sovereign grace. (Ephesians 2:7-9)*

3. Our blessings in Christ initiate a glorious **symphony** of worship to God. (v. 30-31)

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-6, 12, 14; Galatians 6:14; 2 Corinthians 4:7

"When we are in Christ, every part of Christ's life, not only his death, has significance for us...All that is his becomes ours." (Rankin Wilbourne)

- The more fully we **comprehend** the depths of our sin and the heights of God's grace, the more confidently we will sing His praise. (Revelation 5:9-13)

Instructions for unity: Remember. Repent. Rejoice. **Repeat.**

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

- How can remembering our past (before Christ) bring unity in the church?
- How does God's work of salvation decimate the world's standards of significance and success?
- How has God helped you more fully comprehend your sin and his grace?
- Is there a song that best expresses your praise and worship to God?