

CALLED TO BE SAINTS **TOGETHER**

What Makes the Cross Make Sense

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (ESV)

¹⁸For 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. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where 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? ²¹For 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. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

The critical **test**:

Wisdom ... God's or the World's?

In this context, we should think of "wisdom" in a broad sense like a

_____.

A Christless worldview sees the message of the cross as _____.

Why?

Why worldly philosophy has fallen short and will always fall short:

- 1) Worldly philosophy is _____ centered, not _____ centered.

That means it will never ...

- 2) Our thinking is inherently _____ by sin.

That means I won't ...

- 3) True wisdom is _____, not merely _____.

That means it's only when I ...

Power ... God's or the World's?

The world sees 'power' in the _____ (A Jewish worldview),
or in the _____ (a Greek worldview)

The Bible shows God's power in _____ and
_____!

If "power" is "the ability to produce an effect", then what is the effect of
the Cross for those who believe?

and _____

Is there any power in the world that can accomplish those things for you?

My response today: