

“Don’t be a Moron”

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Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians: Worth the Work Main Passage: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

I began my sermon this morning talking about **Tertullian** of Carthage.

- Tell me something interesting about him.

- I read a quote from his defense of the Gospel against the **Gnostics**.

1) Contrasting **Wisdoms** (vs.18)

- Paul is contrasting **man’s** wisdom vs **God’s** wisdom.

- The world has always struggled with the Gospel message and often considered it **foolish**. (ref: Acts 17:32)

- The **Bible** does not hide the fact that man’s wisdom is radically different from God’s wisdom, and humanity will struggle with it. (ref: Prov.3:5,14:12; Isa.55:8-9)

- James 3:15 tells us that man’s wisdom has 3 sources...

a) **Earthly** – Physically focused not Spiritually focused.

b) **Natural** – Greatly influenced by our flesh and desires.

c) **Demonic** – Everyone is under control of Satan till Christ sets us free.

2) **Timeless** vs **Fading** (vs.19-25)

- Paul quotes Scripture immediately, because Scripture is the source of **truth** and not man’s wisdom.

- **Man’s** wisdom is constantly changing and fading away, but **God’s** wisdom stands the test of time.

- Why did the Jews see the cross as scandalous? _____

- Why did the Greeks see the cross as foolishness? _____

3) **Pride** vs **Humility** (vs.)

- Case in point of why the Gospel is considered foolish by unbelievers is by looking at who God has **saved** (us).

- God planned the Gospel this way, so that no one will ever **boast** in His presence.

- **Pride** is the greatest hinderance to the Gospel message, because salvation is all about Jesus and nothing about us.

- What was the cross and how has it changed over time? _____

- Only the humble/meek will inherit the **earth**, and all who possess **God’s** wisdom is saturated in humility and meekness. (ref: Mat.5:5; Prov.11:2; Jam.3:13)

In closing,

- The desire to be praised and loved by this **world**, to the point we change God’s word, is one of the Churches greatest sins.

- Colossians 2:8, “*See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to **human** tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to **Christ**.*”

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