

24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

A SEARCH FOR WISDOM

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

*"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."*

Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

1. It is important for us to identify the voice of **AUTHORITY** for our lives. Who we listen to goes a long way toward determining our beliefs and life course.
2. Our search for truth and direction often centers in the **WRONG** place.

Jews center on miraculous signs as evidence of the messianic age.

Greeks/Gentiles center on human wisdom for a life philosophy.

Both are attempting to define life and God, for that matter, according to a particular **IDEOLOGY**.

4. The message of the cross is for us the **HEART** of the matter when it comes to relating to God.

The cross appears as **WEAKNESS** by conventional wisdom.

For those who accept the message of the cross it is the **POWER** of God!

God's way of **SACRIFICIAL** love outstrips all human wisdom!