



Voice: of the preacher

The preacher & The Cross

The Apostle Paul was perhaps the greatest Preacher Jesus Christ Called, and while Paul was persecuting the Church of Believers. Lets catch up with him as he now Preaches to the Church in Corinth, one of the largest and most important Cities of Greece. 1st Cor. 1:17 **“For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to Preach The Gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the Cross Of Christ should be made of none effect.”** And again we will explain as we go along here. **Christ:** ‘Christos’ speaks of Jesus, the Anointed Of God. The Messiah. Consecrated to the office of religious service to God. Who would fulfill the High Priest role by self-sacrifice on the Cross for the Atonement of the sins of mankind. We remember that John the Baptist was sent

ahead of Jesus Christ to Baptize people unto Repentance from sin. **Sent:** ‘Apostello’ When you are **Sent by Christ**, you do not stay home, or waste time doing menial things. You go! **Preach The Gospel:** ‘euangelizo’ to announce good news, evangelize, declare, preach. It is used a total of **55** times in the New Testament. **To the perishing this word Preach can be very distasteful because it brings Conviction of sin.** But to those who will believe, **The Gospel Of Jesus Christ is the Best Of News & power of God.** Pastors will usually Baptize believers in Water after we have heard the Gospel and Believed. Paul, the Apostle focused on Preaching the Gospel. But not in just in

the wisdom of words- ‘Logos’ something said, including the thought, reasoning, doctrine, speech. In the Beginning **GOD Spoke**, but in Jesus Christ **GOD Did**. **By Jesus Actions we are Saved.** Not just by words alone. The Cross is the focal point of GOD’s Saving Grace and our Salvation. Christ had to make Atonement for the sins of mankind. Any who would take Christ’s place, must be able to Die by Crucifixion in Atonement, be Resurrected and visibly Ascend into Heaven, and have GOD Say, ‘Well Done!’ No mere man will chose Crucifixion death to save you. **“Lest the Cross Of Christ should be made none Effect** ‘keno’ make empty, abase, neutralize, falsify, make to be void or in vain. **Oh how the devil would love to hide the power of Christ’s death on the Cross.** Even more His Resurrection! Even more Christ’s Ascension & Seating with Father.



“To those who are being Saved it is the power of God.” 1st Corinthians. 1:18.

“But we preach Christ Crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both the Jews and the Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For you see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.” — 1st Cor. 1:23-26. Bible KJV.

The preaching of Christ’s Cross is not foolishness.

But the perishing are so deceived. **“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”** 1st Cor. 1:18. **Perish:** ‘apollymi’ to destroy fully, loose the soul. Comes from the root word ‘apo’ off, or away from something near in relation.

Ideally all Souls want Relationship with Creator God, and not to perish. So if we find ourself thinking that the **Cross of Christ** is Foolishness, we are Perishing in our sins, and that is not good for our Soul. ‘olethros’ from a primary ‘ollumi’ (to destroy). Departure, cessation of life

apart from Creator is indeed very sad in the end of life. We know that one of the devil’s names is ‘Apollyon’ and means destroyer. Active principal of ‘Apollumi’ A destroyer, Satan. **And he loves to poke fun at the Cross of Christ because it was his defeat.** **“But to us who are Saved it is the power of God.”** God’s Power Saves!

Special points of interest:

- The perishing ones love to laugh at the Cross of Christ, and the Gospel Message. They party on as the ship sinks.
- They are like people on the Titanic who refuse Life Jackets and like drowning Souls who refuse rescue.
- Unlike the Titanic, enough Life Jackets and Rescue Boats have always been available for Their Salvation.
- The Cross Of Christ is for All the people of the world.