

## WHO IS WISE AND WHO IS FOOLISH?

1 Corinthians 1:20 (18-31)

(not entirely original with me)

**Introduction:** Everybody sees the same thing differently. Everybody has different ideas about how this or that should be done. Everybody is different in countless ways. Some people identify things as being dumb, crazy or foolish, while other people identify the same things as wise, smart, or great. The terms "common sense" and "uncommon sense" are used frequently in separating that which is wise and that which is foolish. God's Word has something to say about wisdom and foolishness among people.

### I. WHAT GOD CALLS FOOLISHNESS

1. God says it's foolish for anybody to try to impress Him. *John 2:24-25*
2. God says it's foolish for people to play their lives without including Him. *Luke 12:19*
3. God says it's foolish for people to try to get away from Him. *Jonah 1:3*
4. God says it's foolish for people to try to make a name for themselves. *Genesis 11:4*
5. Why does God say such things are foolish in His eyes? Because He created all flesh and therefore no flesh can ever shine or "glory" in His presence. *v29*
6. Both the world and God cannot be right at the same time. Either God is wrong or the thinking of mankind is wrong.

### II. WHAT THE WORLD CALLS FOOLISHNESS

1. The world says it's foolish to believe that God came to earth in flesh and was called Jesus.  
- *Matthew 1:23*
2. The world says its foolish to believe that Jesus is divine and King of all. *Luke 19:14*
3. The world says its foolish to believe that the crucifixion of Jesus was anything special. *v23*
4. The world says its foolish to believe that the blood that ran from Jesus is of any importance.  
- *Matthew 27:25*
5. The world says its foolish to believe that Jesus actually rose from the dead. *Acts 17:32*
6. The world says its foolish to believe in some coming final day of judgment. *2 Peter 3:4*
7. The world says the "stuff" about the Cross is nothing but foolishness. *v18*
8. Anybody who says differently from what the world says is just being foolish.

### **III. WHAT IS TRUE WISDOM**

1. Jesus Christ indeed has the full power of God and provides for believers in Him. *v24*
2. Jesus Christ indeed has the wisdom and authority of God. *v 30*
3. Jesus Christ indeed is the righteous one and is the example for all believers. *v30*
4. Jesus Christ is indeed is the sanctifier, the one who sets apart those who believe in Him. *v30*
5. Jesus Christ is indeed the ONLY redeemer and is coming back for all who have believed in Him. *v 30*

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. The world does not want to remember or even think about God creating all things and has come up with various ideas on how it thinks things came into being.
2. The world does not want to think that it needs any help, especially from some "god."
3. What the world thinks is foolishness to God, who knows all things.
4. Those of the world who turn to God in belief are called foolish by the rest of the world.
5. Satan will do anything to keep people from turning to God and the Lord Jesus Christ.
6. So, whose wisdom are you following? The world's or God's?