

I Corinthians

(4) Boast in the Lord

1 Cor 1:26-2:5

26 Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things — and the things that are not — to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him. 30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God — that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. 31 Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord."

2 When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. NIV

Remember your calling...1:26-31

Still addressing their bickering, what does he ask them? 1:26; 1:20; 3:18-20; Zeph.3:12

How is this relevant to their quarreling (1:10)? 1:27-28; James 4:1-10; Isa.2:11, 17

And what is the fundamental attribute of God that's key here? 1:29; Eph.2:8-10

From a human perspective, how is this often observed? 1:26; Mt.11:25; Jn.7:47-49

From God's perspective, how is this seen? 1:27-28; IICor.4:7; Lu.18:18-25, **26-27**

What does Paul clearly teach in 1:30-31? IICor.5:21; Eph.1:3-8; Phil.3:7-11

Paul's preaching...2:1-5

Of what does Paul remind them regarding his church-planting ministry? 2:1,3; Acts 18:1-11

Comment on 2:3 relative to Acts 18:9-11.

How was Paul's preaching described? 2:4; 4:20; IThess.1:5; Gal.1:6-10

And why had Paul chosen this 'path' of ministry? 2:5, 1:17; IICor.4:7

How is Christ seen in these verses? See Jn.17:13-26

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Consider what you (collectively) were when you were called! Not many wise, noble, key...

How is this relevant to their quarreling (1:10)? 1:27-28; James 4:1-10; Isa.2:11, 17

At its heart, the quarreling was a pride issue. Each side 'superior' to the other! But...

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NO ONE is going to boast before Him! No pride, no self-accomplishments. Faith ALONE.

From a human perspective, how is this often observed? 1:26; Mt.11:25; Jn.7:47-49

Not many 'wise, influential, of noble birth' get saved! They don't see their need and reject!

From God's perspective, how is this seen? 1:27-28; IICor.4:7; Lu.18:18-25, 26-27

God chose the 'foolish, despised, are-nots' in order to nullify the 'wise'. No boasting...

What does Paul clearly teach in 1:30-31? IICor.5:21; Eph.1:3-8; Phil.3:7-11

He chose you. Your righteousness, holiness, redemption are because of Him. Boast in Him!

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He did not come w/eloquence/worldly wisdom. He came w/weakness, fear, trembling!

Comment on 2:3 relative to Acts 18:9-11.

Paul came to Corinth afraid. Probably of more violent rejection. The Lord encourages!

How was Paul's preaching described? 2:4; 4:20; IThess.1:5; Gal.1:6-10

Not an eloquent speaker! No 'persuasive words'. But, demonstrating the Spirit's power!

And why had Paul chosen this 'path' of ministry? 2:5, 1:17; IICor.4:7

So that their faith might rest on God's power (of the Spirit), not men's wisdom. Today??

How is Christ seen in these verses? See Jn.17:13-26

He is seen as pleading for believers to be ONE, not divided. We're one as He & Father...