

Power Scriptures #5

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:17-31

Theme: The Gospel & God's Ways

Key Points:

1. The Power of Christ is in Believing the Gospel:
 - What you truly believe with your heart changes everything about you. The good news that God has made a way for us to be cleansed and accepted by him so that we can live for ever with him in his holy kingdom is the most amazing news to ever hit this earth! If this gospel is true, nothing else comes close to it. It would be worth losing everything in the world for this gospel.
 - Jesus paid the full price to die so that we can be made new in HIM. What is holding you back from believing in Christ and following him?
2. Water baptism has NO POWER if you don't believe the gospel:
 - Paul was not sent to water baptize. He was sent to PREACH. Preaching the word of God is what can reach into people's souls and change their hearts and minds. Water can only touch your body. God is after your HEART!
3. Preaching is FOOLISHNESS to the world:
 - How can a man dying on a cross bring life? The world cannot understand these things. To them, everything is about money and power and self-glory and success in this life.
 - How can a man preaching about Jesus really make that big of a difference? To the world everything is about action and results. People sitting and listening to a message doesn't seem like it has any power.... And yet it does.
4. God loves to choose the weak, the foolish, the despised, and the outcasts to show his GREATNESS:
 - God doesn't need big-shots in the world to prove his power and might. In fact, he prefers to choose the weak and the outcasts to show how MIGHTY and GLORIOUS he and his gospel truly are. God loves to choose the "unqualified" in the world's eyes and qualify them by his Spirit and grace for his will & glory!

CONCLUSION: The only hope for man is Jesus Christ. His death and resurrection are our only hope for cleansing from sins and eternal life. If this good news is true, NOTHING else comes close to it. This is the POWER of God to salvation. God can take ANYBODY and make them into something great for his plans & purpose. This way, no flesh will ever glory in God's presence; but all honour and glory will go to HIM!