

The Book of I & II Corinthians

I Corinthians Chapter 1

I Corinthians 1:18 -- For the presentation of the cross as the power by which God accomplishes His purposes is foolishness to those who are on the road to perdition but to us, this "foolishness" is God's chosen method to bring about real change.

Verse 19 -- On this basis it was written, "I (the Crucified) destroy the vain philosophies of those who think they are superior in wisdom, and I prove to be absolutely out of touch, those who suppose they have clear insight.

Verse 20 -- In light of the Cross, where is the deep thinking Greek? Where is the religious Jewish rabbi? Where is the antagonist of this age? Has not God, by the Cross demonstrated and proven to be foolish this world's so called wise approaches?

Verse 21 -- For after God's demonstration of wisdom at Calvary, the world viewing it by their wisdom, saw nothing of God in it. Based on this, it pleased God to give continued "foolish" demonstrations by using the instruction of His Cross-method to be the means of salvation for believing ones.

Verse 22 -- For, to be what they consider as "God", the Jews expect miracles, and the Greeks seek after well-spun and impressive philosophies;

Verse 23 -- but our emphasis is upon the Messiah being crucified, which, is scandalous and trips-up the Jews, and, to the Greeks, is ridiculous in its approach;

Verse 24 -- but to those who feel called to it, whether Jews or Greeks, Messiah crucified is the well-spring of God's wisdom and power.

Verse 25 -- Because, this so called "foolishness" of God demonstrated at the cross is wiser than the wisest men; and the weakness shown at the Cross is stronger than the greatest strength of man.

My Other Translations in I Corinthians -----

I Cor. 15:42, 44, 49 -- My translation -- "So it is with those who died a death worthy of resurrection. What is sown in a weak and perishing form is raised as imperishable. It is intentionally sown into a dishonorable death and intentionally raised to high honor. In weakness, the seed dies yet it comes forth in great strength."

"It's death pertains to a physical body but the body of its resurrection is spiritual. If there was a physical body, just the same there will be a spiritual body... In Adam, we bore the image of man; in resurrection we obtain the image that is Christ."

II Corinthians

Chapter 4 --

Verse 1 -- Therefore, acknowledging that the nature of our ministry is founded upon this "revelation of Christ" basis, mercifully given of God, we find confidence in our means of declaration,

Verse 2 -- In that we have rejected methods that shamefully obscure and blur God's reality in an effort to reach people; nor do we apply sneaky means, or distorted presentations of God's Word to gain acceptance; but by an open and forthright setting forth of this "revelation truth" whereby something eternal bears witness to the conscience of the hearer, which results in commending us to them as those who have God's view.

Verse 3 -- Therefore, if anyone is having difficulty grasping this "revelation view" it is not due to our method of presentation nor to our particular emphasis of it but due to the kind of "blindness" a lost person might have who cannot find the correct path,

Verse 4 -- in whom the god of this age has so blocked the minds of those who do not have this light of revelation, in his effort to obscure and veil the light necessary to grasp the wonderful gospel that pertains to the Christ of the cross as the image of God and to keep it veiled and not shining forth.

Verse 5 -- However, the clarity that comes by the Revelation of Christ causes us to not preach the gospel in a manner that puts us as central but Jesus, who is Lord and we, functioning for His sake and by the image that revelation changed us to, are your servants.

Verse 6 - For, in like manner as in creation so for us by revelation, God set by eternal decree that light would shine out from darkness and into our hearts giving us the full revelation of who God is by looking at Jesus, based on His face and not what He has done.

Verse 7 -- it is this glorious nature revealed to us that we treasure as the life within us as vessels so that His

excellent Life may be the power by which we function and not by our own earthiness.

My Other Translations in II Corinthians -----

II Cor. 3:18 -- "And all whose faces are unveiled resulting in seeing the glorious Lord reflected in the mirror of the Word, are the ones who are undergoing transformation out of an Old Covenant image into the Lord's image; from the glory of the shadow to the greater glory that is Christ; all being the result of the work of the Spirit."

When you have an unveiled face that is beholding Him... you are changed. That results in real change into His image not just an educated puffed up mind.

II Cor. 5:17 & 21 -- "So, whoever has entered into union with Christ has entered into a new existence and become a different species. In God's eyes, the old is gone; everything breathes the newness of Christ."

"This One who never knew sin was made sin for our transformation; so that we might be created something that we never were: the righteousness of God, brought about only by union in Him."