

**1 Corinthians 1:17-31 (NASB)** {}, | = my additions plus paragraph breaks and. Tabs are used for general indenting. Words line up under other words they modify if it doesn't look like a general tab indentation. Similar ideas should line up as in vv. 20-22 with the subject related to *wisdom of the world* (|) for example.

{Paul Preaching the Gospel That is the Wisdom of God}

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to  
**preach the gospel,**  
not in cleverness of speech,  
so that the cross of Christ  
would not be made void.

18 For  
**the word of the cross is foolishness**  
to those who are perishing,  
but  
to us who are being saved  
it is the power of God.

19 For it is written,  
"I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND  
THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER  
I WILL SET ASIDE." {Is 26:14}

20 |Where is the wise man?  
|Where is the scribe?  
|Where is the debater of this age?  
Has not God made foolish the {^}wisdom of the world?

21 For since in the  
**wisdom of God**  
|the world through its wisdom  
did not come to know God,  
God was well-pleased through  
the foolishness of the message preached  
to save those who believe.

22 For indeed  
|Jews ask for signs and  
|Greeks search for wisdom;

23 but  
**we preach{1} Christ crucified,**  
|to Jews  
a stumbling block and  
|to Gentiles  
foolishness,

24 but to those who are the called,  
both Jews and Greeks,  
{1}Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

25 Because  
the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and  
the weakness of God is stronger than men.

{Our Calling and Position In Christ Who Is the Wisdom of God}

26 For  
**consider your calling, brethren,**  
that

there were not many wise  
according to the flesh,  
not many mighty,  
not many noble;



27 but

God has chosen the foolish things of the world  
|to shame the wise, and  
God has chosen the weak things of the world  
|to shame the things which are strong, and  
28 {God has chosen} the base things of the world and  
the despised God has chosen,  
the things that are not,  
so that He may nullify the things that are,  
29 so that no man may boast {2}before God.  
30 But  
by His doing  
you are in Christ Jesus,  
who became to us  
wisdom from God, and  
righteousness and  
sanctification, and  
redemption,  
31 so that, just as it is written,  
"LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST {2}IN THE LORD."  
{Jer 9:24}