

1 Corinthians 1:17-31, 2:1-5 (NASB) {}, | = my additions plus headings. 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. Conjunctions are often underlined.

{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 Christ crucified,
|to Jews
a stumbling block and
|to Gentiles
foolishness,

24 but
to those who are the called,
both Jews and Greeks,
Christ {is} 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,

28 and 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 before God. {purpose}

30 But
by His doing
you are in Christ Jesus,
who became to us
wisdom from God,
{and} righteousness {and omitted in ESV}
and sanctification,
and redemption,

31 so that,
just as it is written,
"LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD." {Jer 9:24}

2:1 And
when I came to you, brethren,
I did not come
with superiority of speech
or of wisdom,
proclaiming to you the testimony of God.

2 For
I determined to know
nothing among you
except
Jesus Christ, and
Him crucified.

3 I was with you
in weakness
and in fear
and in much trembling,

4 and
my message
and my preaching
were not
in persuasive words of wisdom,
but
in demonstration of the Spirit
and of power,

5 so that
your faith would not rest on
the wisdom of men,
but
on the power of God.