

SERMON CHALLENGE

The World's Greatest Foolishness

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

Name: _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the best answer.

1. According to the sermon, what does 1 Corinthians 1:18 actually say about the preaching of the cross?
 - A. A. It is foolishness to everyone
 - B. B. It is foolishness to them that perish
 - C. C. It is only for educated people
 - D. D. It should be changed when people reject it
2. According to 1 Corinthians 1:21, whom does God save through the foolishness of preaching?
 - A. A. Them that become religious
 - B. B. Them that prove themselves worthy
 - C. C. Them that believe
 - D. D. Them that become wise
3. What was Paul's answer when the Jews required a sign and the Greeks sought after wisdom?
 - A. A. Change the message for each group
 - B. B. Avoid anything that might offend them
 - C. C. Give them the message they wanted
 - D. D. Preach Christ crucified
4. What distinction did the sermon make about persuading people?
 - A. A. We should never try to persuade anyone
 - B. B. We should persuade people with the truth without changing the truth
 - C. C. We should change difficult doctrines to make them persuasive
 - D. D. We should avoid answering people's questions
5. According to the sermon, what is the world's greatest foolishness?
 - A. A. Preaching an old message
 - B. B. Believing that God has power
 - C. C. Man thinking he is wise enough to sit in judgment over God
 - D. D. Studying and using the mind

TRUE OR FALSE

Write T for true or F for false.

- _____ 1. The sermon teaches that education, learning, and using your mind are wrong.
- _____ 2. The sermon teaches that the defect is not in God's message but in man's judgment of God's message.
- _____ 3. The sermon teaches that Christians should intentionally be rude so that people will be offended by the truth.
- _____ 4. The sermon teaches that Christ is both the power of God and the wisdom of God.
- _____ 5. The sermon warns churches not to become more impressed with personalities, production, crowds, programs, and numbers than with the message God told them to preach.

SERMON CHALLENGE — CONTINUED

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SHORT ANSWER

Answer each question in your own words.

- 1. Why is the preaching of the cross called foolishness by some people?**
- 2. What does the sermon say is the problem when human beings use their minds against God's Word?**
- 3. How should Christians respond when the world says the message of Christ crucified is embarrassing or unwanted?**
- 4. What three closing instructions did the sermon give about reasoning, the audience, and preparation?**

MEMORY VERSE

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.