



*¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
1 Corinthians 1:18*

-- 1 Corinthians 1:20-21

Gordon Fee

“A God discovered by human wisdom will be both a projection of human fallenness and a projection of human pride.”

The Scandal . . .

²²Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles . . .

1 Corinthians 1:22,23

- ▶ **Jews:** The stumbling block of a victimized
Messiah
- ▶ **Gentiles:** The foolishness of a detested symbol
- ▶ **You and me:** The quest for self-serving spirituality
and social sophistication

Oswald Chambers

“All of heaven is interested in the cross of Christ, and all hell is terribly afraid of it, while men are the only beings who more or less ignore its meaning.”

A.W. Tozer

“The old cross slew men; the new cross entertains them. The old cross condemned; the new cross amuses. The old cross destroyed confidence in the flesh; the new cross encourages it.”

The Beauty . . .

. . . ²⁴*but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ **the power of God** and **the wisdom of God**.*

1 Corinthians 1:24

-- *1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

- **Power:** The Cross is God's [_doorway_](#) to his [_deliverance_](#)
- **Wisdom:** The Cross is God's [_pathway_](#) to His [_Spirit_](#)

-- *1 Corinthians 2:6, 8-10*

¹²*What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.*

1 Corinthians 2:12

-- *1 Corinthians 2:14-16*