

Preaching Christ Crucified I Corinthians 1:10-18

INTRODUCTION: *What's wrong with preaching?*

I. ST. PAUL WARNS AGAINST THE “WISDOM” OF THE AGE

- A. This wisdom empties the Cross of its power and leads us from God to men (v.17)
- B. The Cross is to be at the centre of preaching, not this wisdom (vv. 10,13,17)
- C. The wisdom of this age is destroyed by the preaching of the Cross (vv. 18-19)
 - 1. The wisdom of God is Christ crucified (vv. 20-25)
 - 2. Faith rests on the power of God (the Cross), not on the wisdom of man (2:1-5)
 - + **Consider what we do in worship & how our church is built**
 - + **Hymn # 761 *Rock of Ages* (verse 3)**
 - + **Hymn # 878 *Abide with Me* (verse 6)**

II. ST. PAUL WARNS THAT INDIVIDUALISM AND ELOQUENCE CREATES DIVISIONS

- A. The Corinthian congregation was split over baptismal allegiances (vv. 10-15)
- B. All Christian congregations must focus on Cross-content, not on individuals or style
 - 1. **Christ and His work:** The subject of every sermon and the focus of every effort
 - 2. **The Law and the Gospel:** Where the Cross comes into clear focus

CONCLUSION: *The Pompei sentry: “Found faithful”*