



Lesson 3
There is no excuse
Romans 1:18:23
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Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. Why was the cross foolishness for those who are unbelievers?

In God's wisdom, how did He choose *not* to reveal Himself to the world?

What does it mean that God's *foolishness* is wiser than men?

Do you believe that?

Does your faith bear witness to that belief, or are you trying to use your wisdom to describe or prove God exists?

What types of people did God choose? (Verse 27-28)

Do you realize that Paul is describing you and I here?

Why, according to verse 29, did God choose those? What is there left for us to be boastful of?

Read Titus 3:3-7. How does Paul describe us before we were saved?

Notice that this is past tense ("we were once"). Considering what Paul told the church in Corinth in 1 Corinthians 1, why is it important to remember where what we have been saved from?

How did our acts of righteousness contribute to our salvation?

Why did Christ save us? (Verse 5)

How have we been justified (seen as debt free)? What is the future promise that we have, having been justified?

Read Ephesians 4:17-24. How must we no longer walk?

How does Paul describe the Gentile unbelievers here, in verses 17-18?

What is your reaction to those who are alienated from the life of God? Anger? Pity? Self-righteousness?

Is there a desire in you to boast in your salvation, forgetting that you, too, were once darkened in your understanding?

How were the Ephesians taught Christ?

Does Paul address the feelings of these people?

Where is the renewal to take place? Who are we to be created after?

Is that by our own doing?

It can be so easy to point fingers at nonbelievers and feel self-righteous or self-satisfied that you are part of the “in” crowd and they aren’t, but Paul makes it clear throughout His writings that none of us has contributed to our own salvation. It is all by God’s grace that you have been saved so that none may boast.

Our reaction to those who are perishing shows a lot about our own hearts, and our own understanding of our own need for a Savior. Take some time today and, if the weather cooperates, go outside and look at the changing leaves. Marvel at the order of the world around you, and look for evidence of your Creator in the things that have been made. Examine a leaf and consider how it gets its nutrients. Or, if the weather is too cold or threatening, google “fibonacci sequence in nature” and marvel at the patterns that our Father, the ultimate Creator, placed in the world pointing all me, without excuse, directly to Him.