


Wisdom and Foolishness


1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (KJV)

1. Give the writer of the following books of the Bible.


Romans _____

 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, **Romans 1:1 (KJV)**


1 Corinthians _____

 Paul, called *to be* an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes *our* brother, **1 Corinthians 1:1 (KJV)**


2 Corinthians _____

 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy *our* brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia:
2 Corinthians 1:1 (KJV)


Galatians _____

 Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)
Galatians 1:1 (KJV)


Ephesians _____

 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:
Ephesians 1:1 (KJV)


Philippians _____

 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: **Philippians 1:1 (KJV)**


Colossians _____

 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus *our* brother, **Colossians 1:1 (KJV)**


1 Thessalonians _____

 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians *which is* in God the Father and *in* the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Thessalonians 1:1 (KJV)**


2 Thessalonians _____

 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: **2 Thessalonians 1:1 (KJV)**


1 Timothy _____

 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, *which is* our hope; **1 Timothy 1:1 (KJV)**


2 Timothy _____

 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, **2 Timothy 1:1 (KJV)**


Titus _____

 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; **Titus 1:1 (KJV)**

Philemon _____

 Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy *our* brother, unto Philemon *our* dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer, **Philemon 1:1 (KJV)**


Hebrews _____


 Know ye that *our* brother Timothy is set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you. **Hebrews 13:23 (KJV)**

2. What was the *major* problem with the Corinthian church?

a. Division within the congregation

b. The Congregation was largely carnal Christians.

 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. **1 Corinthians 1:10 (KJV)**

 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? **1 Corinthians 3:3 (KJV)**


3. Give the verse that uses the word **wisdom** for the first time in 1 Corinthians chapter one.

1 Corinthians 1: _____ (KJV)

4. Give the **response of a Christian**, and the **response of an unbeliever** to the Gospel message.

Christian _____

Unbeliever _____

 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. **1 Corinthians 1:18 (KJV)**


5. Complete the following statement using the words *foolishness*, *wisdom*, *wise*, *wiser*, and *world*.


God is _____ than the _____ of this _____

and will destroy the _____ of the _____.


The _____ of the _____ is _____ to God.

(Scripture references follow on next page.)

 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.
1 Corinthians 1:19 (KJV)

 Where *is* the wise? where *is* the scribe? where *is* the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?
1 Corinthians 1:20 (KJV)


6. The wisdom of the world focuses on **s**_____, and the wisdom of God focuses on God's **g**_____.

 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.
1 Corinthians 1:21 (KJV)

7. Complete the philosophical statement attributable to the **Jews**, and the statement attributable to the **Greeks**.


_____ expected a complex intellectual plan of salvation.


_____ expected tangible evidence to accompany the plan of salvation.

 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:
1 Corinthians 1:22 (KJV)

8. The Greeks who did not Gospel message as f_____.


The Jews had difficulty in accepting a **s**_____ **S**_____.

 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; **1 Corinthians 1:23 (KJV)**


 But he was wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. **Isaiah 53:5 (KJV)**

9. Give the *emphasis* of the attribute of God in each of the following phrases.


The power of God _____

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1 Corinthians 1:18 (KJV)


The wisdom of God _____.

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1 Corinthians 1:21 (KJV)


The power of God and the wisdom of God _____

 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.
1 Corinthians 1:24 (KJV)

The foolishness of God and the weakness of God _____

 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.
1 Corinthians 1:25 (KJV)


10. Why do you think many very intelligent people or those who have great authority and fame **do not** accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?


 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*:
1 Corinthians 1:26 (KJV)

11. God's choice of the foolish and weak things of the world is reflected in the


_____ of God's _____ for mankind.


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 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;
1 Corinthians 1:27 (KJV)

 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. **John 3:16 (KJV)**

12. Name something that God **does not** share with others.

 ²⁸ And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: ²⁹ That no flesh should glory in his presence.
1 Corinthians 1:28-29 (KJV)


 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.
Isaiah 42:8 (KJV)

 For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.
Isaiah 48:11 (KJV)

13. Circle the kind of righteousness in the following Scripture.


▶ Imputed Righteousness OR ▶ Righteousness Acts of the Saints

(Refer to information at top of next page before circling your answering above.)


 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:
1 Corinthians 1:30 (KJV)

Two Kinds of Righteousness


- ▶ *Imputed Righteousness* is the righteousness that God Himself places on those who accept Jesus as Lord and Savior.

 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God **imputeth righteousness** without works, **Romans 4:6 (KJV)**

- ▶ *Righteousness Acts of the Saints* are those things that Christian do which are motivated by the Holy Spirit.

 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the **righteousness of saints**. **Revelation 19:8 (KJV)**

14. Christians should only boast about what God has **d**_____, what God is **d**_____, and what God will **d**_____.

 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.
1 Corinthians 1:31 (KJV)

15. Assignment for February 12, 2023 ▶  **2 Timothy Chapter 1.**



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²³ But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

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