**THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS**

1 Corinthians 1:1-31

Key Verse 1:18 “For 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. Why does Paul introduce himself as “an apostle of Christ Jesus”? (1) Why does Paul emphasize that they are sanctified and called to be holy? (2)

2. What were these believers quarreling about and why? (11-12) Why did Paul not emphasize baptism, and what can we learn from him about gospel ministry? (14–17)

3. Why would the message of the cross be “foolishness” to some? (18, 23) Why is Christ crucified a stumbling block to the Jews? (22-23) How does Christ crucified become the power of God? (24-25)

4. How is God’s wisdom different from human wisdom? (19-25) What does Paul say about God’s way of working? (21, 27-29)

5. What kind of people were the Corinthians when they were called? (26) How and by whom had they been changed? (30)