

Scripture: 1 Cor. 1:17-31

Series: *Knowing God #7*

Singing: 304:1, 2, 7 – 415:2, 4 – 232:1-3 – 403:1-3

Intro: The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the *story of love, power, and wisdom*

A. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son: John 3:16

B. For it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth: Rom 1:16

1. not only to *the proud and rebellious sinners*

2. but also the *not wise, not mighty, weak, base, despised*: 1 Cor. 1:26-28

- though all struggle with pride & rebellion, many others struggle with *contempt & toxic shame*

- such feel too unworthy to be *loved unconditionally*

3. nothing can lift such up from a ravaged life but *power of God's Gospel*

C. But **how** is story of *Cross of Jesus Christ* God's Wisdom?

THE WISDOM OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST (2)

I. How is Jesus Christ the wisdom of God?

II. What is the wisdom of God in Jesus Christ?

A. Wisdom is one of God's excellencies - attributes

1. How do we gain wisdom?

2. God's wisdom is God Himself: *To God only wise* (Rom. 16:27)

a. creation is the revelation of His wisdom (Ps. 136:5; Prov. 3:19,20)

b. providence is His perfect plan of His wisdom (Rom. 8:28; 11:33-36)

c. plan of redemption is the ultimate of God's wisdom (1 Cor. 1:30)

B. The Son of man, Jesus Christ as the SON of GOD, is the *wisdom* of God

1. Proverbs 8:12-36 exalts the wisdom of God in Jesus Christ

2. He is *the gate – door* to the only comfort in life and death

a. Blessed is the man that heareth Me, watching daily at My gates, waiting at the posts of my doors: *for whose findeth me, findeth life, and shall obtain favor of the LORD* (Prov. 8:34-35)

II. What is then the *wisdom of God as revealed in preaching of cross of Jesus?*

A. The Gospel of cross of Jesus refers to **whole** story of Jesus birth, life & death

1. Every detail of Jesus is the wisdom of God in His plan of saving sinners!

a. He provided an *innocent man* for **guilty sinners**

b. He provided an *able man* for **disabled sinners**

c. He provided a *God-man* for **as human sinners**

d. He provided a *compassionate man* for **weak saints**

Finally: Behold, the Son of God born as the Son of Man: in Him is your hope!

A. Only He can *reconcile you to an infinite, holy, just God of truth!*

B. He is not able but *willing to be this for you all!*

*Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
how often would I have gathered thy children together,
even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings,
and ye would not!
... and therefore your house left unto you desolate.
(Matt. 23:37-38)*

The Gospel are the glad tidings for those who failed and are failing.